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W HAT an abominable thing it is to be thus plagued about passports and cards of refidence! An Englishman comes to Paris for a week or ten days in his way to the fouth; and, instead of employing his time in "feeing the lions," he is obliged to loiter away the best part of his mornings in having his paffport examined, re-examined, figned, counter-figned, &c. &c. Mr. Jackson was yesterday presented to the First Conful; and probably the difficulty which an Englishman experiences in obtaining a passport, either for proceeding to the interior of this country, or returning to his own, will foon be in a great measure obviated: but what a difgraceful and fulpicious policy it is, that even a Frenchman cannot travel about his native country—fuch I understand to be the fast, without having a licence from Government! The maitres-d'hotel are obliged, under pain of a fevere penalty, to deliver in to the Minister of the Police every other day, an account of their lodgers: fomething of this kind, I believe, was obligatory under the monarchy. Surely a Frenchman has but little reason to boast of his individual liberty, if it be true that he cannot pass the gates of Paris without asking leave!

After several ineffectual applications at the Prefecture de Police, we have this morning obtained passports for the south of France, not in confequence of our applications at the office, but in consequence of the influence which M. Perrégaux very politely exerted in our favour: we shall proceed on our journey therefore in two or three days. But before our departure you will expect from me fome accounts of what we have feen, heard, and remarked here: it would be far more ingenuous to refer you at once to M. M. Mercier and Meyer, who have made this metropolis the object of their minutest attention. The public edifices, galleries, museums, theatres, promenades, baths, &c. of Paris have been fo amply and accurately described by a hundred writers who have

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had unhurried opportunity to examine them, and are infinitely better qualified than myself to describe them, that I shall satisfy myself, though perhaps not you, almost with the bare enumeration of what I have seen.

Our constant lounge, if we have not time to visit the Louvre, is the Palais-royal, or, as it is sometimes called, le Palais du Tribunat, from the circumstance of the sittings being held here of that body: what a scene of extravagance, dissipation, and debauchery, is exhibited under these piazzas at every hour of the day and night! Shops of millinery, jewellery, clothiery, book-sellers, clock-sellers, print-sellers, china-houses, cossee-houses, bawdy houses, money-changers, gamesters—all unite in amicable rivalry to ease the unwary idler of his louis.

You know the history of this far famed palace: its original structure and destination by Cardinal Richelieu, its descent through two fuccessive monarchs to the last proprietor, the Duke of Orleans, whose conversion of it into its present destination afforded at once the means of indulging his incredible extravagance, and gratifying his inordinate avarice. I think I have heard you fay that you have read that most animated and most excellent description of the Palais royal which is inferted in one of the volumes of the Varieties of Literature: it often recurred to my memory when I witneffed the bufy buftling scene which is there depicted with fuch fidelity and colouring. Let a man walk under these arcades at any hour of the day, and he will never want food either for meditation or amusement: but the Palais-royal exhibits a scene of peculiar interest in the evening. B. whom, to my great surprize and pleasure, I met the other morning on the Pont-neuf, and who gave us his company to dinner at our hotel, perfuaded us to leave our fire-fide, and take a lounge in the Palais-royal: the shape of the building you know is that of a parallelogram, which incloses a large garden, whose well-gravelled walks afford a fine view of the edifice. It was about half after seven when we entered by the Rue du Lycée; at this end of the Palais is a double piazza, with two rows of fhops reaching from one extremity to the other : so crowded were these promenades with ladies and loungers of every description, that, by common consent, the ' law of the road' was as strictly preserved, as it is in the streets of London by the Hackneycoach-men! To have diffurbed this easy well-regulated flow would have been extremely rude; and I almost question whe. ther the tide would not have carried any little bark away, which had attempted to

refift it.

Though the other colonnades were also crowded, ambulation was not fo difficult as here; and we had abundant opportunity to admire as well the peculiar elegance with which the rival fhop-keepers had lighted up their little cabinets of bijouterie, as the splendor and magnificence produced by the general illumination of the whole. After we had gratified our curiofity, and scattered as many looks as it was lawful for us married men on the full unshaded beauties of the deep-bosomed damsels who tread this fairy-ground, our friend B-, whose long refidence here has made him perfectly familiar with the manners and amusements of the people, proposed to shew us the gaming-houses and subterranean gaieties of the Palais-royal. He had fcarcely spoken, when the immiscible founds of ill-tuned instruments and shrill piercing voices affailed our ears; a fort of Sirocco. gleam, composed of innumerable breathings, rifing upon us at the same time, sufficiently indicated that there was " High Life below Stairs." We descended into a large room, whose cieling, walls, and decorations, counterfeit Arcadian scenery: the pillars which supported the roof represent the knotty trunks of venerable trees, whose tortuous branches, intertwifting with each other, "o'ercanopy the glade." Tityrus, or more probably some Grecian shepherd, is seen lying at his length under the shade of a widespreading beech-tree in the wall, cooled by a stationary stream, and watching with untired eye the never-ending antics of the kids and lambkins which furround him. The company is not unappropriate to the fcenery: Pan is here with his pipe, and many a Satyr peeps through the mimic fohage at the careless unveiled nymphs who trip with fantaftic toe across the "velvet green." These shepherds and shepherdesses, I affure you, live not upon the unfubstantial food of love alone: they have very good appetites, believe me: many of them did I see amusing themselves with a dish of petits-patés, a bason of soup, and a fine plump poulet; beakers of Bour-

deaux and Burgundy were filled with a generous hand, and to my great surprise did I often inhale the odour of hot rum. punch! I could hardly help exclaiming,

> Δότε μοι, δότ', ω' γυναίκες, Βεομικ πιείν άμυςὶ, &c. &c.

After having wandered among these festive groves, high-scented and highfounding with tones, if not indeed " molt mufical-most melancholy !" till our curiofity was fufficiently gratified, we retraced our steps, and proceeded to visit

the gaming-tables.

The gaming tables are in a different quarter of the Palais royal: we alcended a stair-case, and opened the door of an ante-chamber, where feveral hundred hats, flicks, and great coats, carefully ticketed, were arranged, under the charge of two or three old men, who receive either one or two fous (I forget which) from every owner, for the fafe delivery of his precious deposit. No dogs are admitted into these facred apartments, or any thing which is likely to diffurb the deep attention and holy quiet which pervade them! From this ante-chamber we opened a foldingdoor which introduced us to a large welllighted room, in the centre of which was a table, furrounded, at a moderate estimate, by two hundred and fifty or three hundred persons, anxiously inspecting a game, which it was not likely that any of our party should know the name of. We proceeded to another room; another succeeded that; and yet another; a fourth, a fifth, a fixth: we omitted to reckon the number of the rooms, and therefore, to avoid exaggeration, we will stop here; but I am inclined to believe there are more than fix; all of which communicated with each other, and were equally well attended with the first. Different games were pursuing, all strange to us unfashionable, folks: a few females, mixed with this wretched crowd, were feated at the table, and engaged in the game!

These tables are licensed by Government-pay to it a confiderable fum of money-and are, I understand, under its immediate inspection: they are excellently regulated; ready cash passes from the lofer to the winner, and differences appear to be decided by appointed referees, who fit at the table, invested with what we conjecture to be the infignia of office; namely, short wooden instruments shaped like a garden hoe, and which feem to collect the twelve-livre pieces which are scattered

over the table.

There is one very curious condition

imposed upon the holders of these gamingtables: they are obliged to furnish every body who enters any of the rooms, with as much table-beer as they choose to call for. Waiters are therefore perpetually running backwards and forwards with overflowing tumblers of this refreshing beverage; fix or feven crowded on a tray; and he is not merely a polite man but a fortunate one who adheres strictly to the good old-fashioned rule "Drink what you please, but pocket none." Beer to an Englishman in Paris, to me at least, is nectar: I had tasted none fince we left Dover; and, although the glasses had received the homage of a hundred lips, it was imposfible to refift the temptation: taking all poffible care, therefore, to avoid all extraneous matter, I ventured to indulge my inclination, and am now ready to certify before any magistrate, that the water of the Seine makes as good beer as the water of the Thames.

From these licensed tables we visited many scenes of unsanctioned dissipation, in diverssubterranean chambers, where the game of billiards was dexteroully played: two or three tables appear to be well attended in every room; it really makes one's heart bleed to fee fo many beardless youths as there are here, and lovely females, haftening on the road to ruin! But at the Palais-royal one fees all the world in yellow, blue, and green, to use poor Yorick's words, "running at the ring of pleasure. The old with broken lances, and in helmets which have loft their vizards-the young in armour bright, which shines like gold, beplumed with each gay feather of the East—all, all tilting at it like fascinated knights in tournaments of yore for fame and love."

1 am interrupted, though most agreeably so, by the receipt of your letter: it is this moment brought me : mine is already spun out to so unforeseen a length that I dare not extend it, and shall answer your queries therefore in my next. It is no news to us that your mail-coaches have been stopped by the snow: we yesterday read an English paper in a Caffé at the Palais-royal, and faw a lamentable account of your fnow-covered hills and cold regions.

Why do not you dig earth-holes, and preffive, and I have thrown it off with

trust, "in December's snow," the "thinking on fantastic summer's heat."

Farewell, my friend; we shall leave Paris in two or three days, but I shall certainly steal an hour, and devote it to you before we depart.

## LETTER III.

Paris, Dec. 9, 1801.

YOU have often laughed at me for being fo much of an old bachelor: I suppose there is something very orderly about me; but this fomething has its use, my good Friend, and I do not feel disposed to part with it just now, but shall proceed in my old fashioned orderly manner to answer your letter of the 30th ult. as well as I

Are not the French a nation of Cannibals, "that each other eat?" No, indeed; nor of

-Men whose heads Do grow beneath their shoulders.

I dare fay your observation is a just one. that the people of France were, during the war, called after the names of fo many terrifying monsters, that many a grandam. (of both fexes and all ages) really believed that some preternatural metamorphose had taken place among them, and that a man with the paws of a lion and the tulks of a tyger is no uncommon thing

Upon my word, you are very unreafonable in your inquiries: we have not been here a fortnight, but you expect as much information about the Parisians as if we had lived here a twelvemonth! Our friend B-, who, as you very well know, is by no means a careless or an unprofitable observer of men's manners; has mingled among various ranks of people in this metropolis, and has, by his amiable disposition and excelling talents, fecured to himself a circle of literary acquaintance, among which he pattes his time in an agreeable and instructive man-To him, more than to our own obfervation, which of necessity has hitherto had but few and insufficient opportunities of adding to our stock of knowledge, are we indebted for whatever we have learnt about the domestic character of the French.

No one, from the general behaviour of bury yourselves up for the winter? We the people, could have suspected them are enjoying spring weather at Paris! capable of having committed, or even of even I cannot bear a great coat: it is op- having suffered the commission of, those horrible enormities which have stained, contempt; think of this and be fatisfied; with fo indelible a die, the history of their it must be a wonderful consolation to you, revolution. A man cannot want the wallowing," though not "naked" I streets of London for a single week without being

being disgusted at some brutal battle between two draymen, porters, coal-heavers, hackney-coachmen, &c. &c.: if he is in the habit of attending the theatres and other places of public amusement, he must always calculate upon being interrupted by fome noify drunken fellows, who either quarrel among themselves, or quarrel with the performers; and if his lodgings are unfortunately near the haunts of those unhappy females who roam the ftreets at night, he must expect to have his repose not unfrequently broken in upon by the loofe and riotous orgies of them and their paramours, or by the noify rencounters which often take place between them and the watchmen.

Such diffurbances are unknown at Paris: -, you know, has relided here between two and three years, during which time, he tells us, that he has never feen a ferious and personal quarrel between two Frenchmen! On the contrary, the lower classes behave to each other with a furprifing degree of civility-a degree of civility by no means observable among the same class of people in England. The filles-de-joie are infinitely less obtrusive and rude here than they are in London, where a modest woman cannot walk in the evening, although attended by some male protestor, without having her ears as well as her eyes offended by the unblushing reprobates of her own fex. In Paris, on the contrary, under the piazzas even of the Palais-royal, a modest woman will certainly have violence done to one only of her fenses; and less violence to that than the same cause would excite against an English matron in London. But it must be acknowledged, that in England the "duo poma finu" are now shaded, even by our Vestals with a more light and airy foliage than formerly; still, however, the ladies there scarcely rival the Parisian damsels, the chaftest of whom blush not to display, through a transparent gossamery muslin, the fine Medicean form of the lactescent bosom.

At the theatres, I understand, the tranquillity of the audience is very seldom interrupted: people go for the wise purpose of being pleased, and with the goodhumoured disposition to be satisfied; expressions of distallistaction are therefore rare. These places of amusement are doubtless much indebted for their tranquillity to the national sobriety of the French: the delicious wines of Burgundy and Bourdeaux are light and innocuous; these qualities belong to the many others, all of which, it should seem, are used

with fingular moderation. I have not yet feen an instance of intoxication, or of any thing which approaches it: you well know that it is not the custom here, as it is in England, to sit round the table after dinner, and drink wine, bottle after bottle, and bottle after that: in France, the dessert is brought on with the cheese, and all are taken away together; and when the cloth is removed, the company rise and take coffee.

Last night (but I hear you say, this is a little out of order, my good Friend) we went to the French Opera, and took the thankless unnecessary trouble of dressing as we should have done in England! The house seems to be between the fizes of Covent-garden and Drury-lane: the decorations are rich, but the gilding is tarnished: the band very full and good. The action of the performers is highly animated and expressive, the music and the finging well supported, and the scenery extremely grand. These united powers were not loft upon us; we acknowledged their influence, and returned home perfeetly farisfied, although neither Veftris nor Talma had exhibited before us. As to the dancers! I dare not fay any thing about them: Camoens' naked nymphs have been transported hither from his Island of Love: the chaste and pious Bishop of Durham would certainly be for returning them to their own country.

You ask me to describe our mode of living here, the expences of it, &c. &c.: on our arrival we were of course welcomed by the maitre-d'hotel with a politenels and fincerity which were not to be questioned: one fet of rooms only was vacant in this spacious building: they are on the third flory, and confift of three small bed-rooms, a dining-room, with an ante-chamber for our domestique, and that necessary evil the laquais-de-place. For this accommodation we pay five louis and a half per werk: we have no attendance whatever but that of the fille de-chambre, who in the course of the day does spare time to make our We have our breakfasts, dinners, beds. &c. from a restaurateur in the Palaisroyal, who for four livres and a half per head (3s. 9d. English money) supplies us with as handsome and well-covered a table as any gentlemen will defire.

So you really persist in believing that provisions are as dear in Paris as they are in London; such accounts have been industriously circulated, but I thought they had long since been sufficiently resuted to destroy your belief in them. The last beefsteak that I ate in London cost sources.

pence the pound of fixteen ounces; perhaps a private family who fent to market may purchase beef there for a shilling a pound. It might purchase beef here equally good for ten fous the pound of eighteen ounces: mutton, I believe, is about eight fous, pork and veal at a proportionate price. The Parifians are complaining of the high price of bread : it is at this time either fifteen or fixteen fous, that is to fay, feven-pence-halfpenny or eight-pence English money, the quartern loaf.\* Wine may be confidered as the staple beverage among the French: it is cheap even at Paris: B- tells us that a stock of the Vin de Bourgogne, of fair average quality, may be laid in at about fix-pence halfpenny or feven-pence the bottle : I think its price to us has varied in different places from two to four livres! What an immense profit to the aubergistes and the restaurateurs! This latter is a modern appellation, to which the ancient one, traiteur, has yielded; the history of this change is a curious one:-It is faid that between thirty and forty years ago, a fellow who probably had not received his culinary education in the regular manner, and was of course regarded by the doctors in cookery, the traiteurs, as a quack in the profession, found it neceffary, as quacks very often do, to puff a little. This impudent empiric, in order to invite passengers, by stimulating their curiofity, if he could not their appetite, placed the following inscription over his door:- "Venite ad me, omnes qui flomacho laboratis, et ego restaurabo vos." Such is the reputed origin of the word restaurateur.

Fuel is dear, and that seems to be almost the only necessary of life which is so: what proportion it bears to the price of fuel in England, I know not; there it varies in different counties, according to their contiguity to coal-mines, or the facility with which coals can be conveyed to them. The price of fuel in different parts of this kingdom, or this republic rather, is of course regulated by similar circumflances : it is faid to be exceedingly high, however, every where, nor is it to be wondered at if we confider the immense, I was going to fay, the immensionable, superficies of land requisite for the production of wood in sufficient abandance to supply the consumption of such

a population as that of France. How must the forests groan during a hard winter, if several thousand axes are at work to thin them in seasons even of ordinary severity! Where are the coal-mines of France? Of what quality is the article, in what abundance is it to be procured, and with what facility can it be conveyed to the distant provinces? If the consumption is more rapid than the growth of suel, how are the French to be supplied when their forests are cut down?

You alk me whether the poor are very numerous, and whether their appearance indicates excels of penury and diffres? Poverty, my good Friend, is the prolific parent of an innumerable family: her fons and daughters are blown over the furface of the earth, like the down of a thiftle, and like it bear with them a feed which will take root on every foil, and in its turn will fructify. Yes, yes, here are abundant poor, no doubt; whether they bear a larger proportion in this country to its population than they do in our own, I know not; neither am I able or defirous to estimate the intensity of their sufferings! " Charité, Monsieur, s'il vous plait, pour l'amour de Dieu!" is uttered in a thousand querulous tones as one travels from Calais to Paris: it is impossible to change horses without having your carriage belet by half a score suppliant "miserables," and "let no man say (quoth Yorick) Let them go to the Devil !- 'tis a cruel journey to fend them, and they have had fufferings enow without it."

In Paris, as in London, the maimed and the blind folicit your fous, and, to the great difgrace of the police of both places, are suffered to exhibit their mutilated members and offensive fores, to the annovance and diffress of every passenger: here are a great many national hospitals for the unfortunate of every age and condition—for orphan infancy and the helpless childhood of old age; for the blind and the lame, and for those who labour as well under mental as corporeal incapacity. Les Hospices Nationaux have almost all of them undergone a change of name : the following lift of those now supported (which, however, does not include those for the maintenance of decayed or wounded foldiers or feamen) I shall transcribe from Le Manuel du Voyageur à Paris :- "Hoffice de la Bourbe ; du Gros-Caillou; Grand Hofpice d'Humanité, ci devant Hotel-Dieu; l'Hôpital Général; des Incurables; de la Maternité, ou des Enfans-trouvés; du Nom de Jefus; du Nord, ou St. Louis; des Petites Maifons; de la Pitié; des Quinze-

On our return to Paris, after an absence of something less than a month, the price of bread had risen to ten-pence the quartern loat, and remained so when we lest it.

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Vingts; du Roule; de Scipion; des Vieillards." If one compares this lift with that of the theatres, it will be found light in the balance : of these latter I have just reckoned twenty-four! But when did you hear of a Frenchman's having exhausted his flock of good spirits? A spectacle is meat and drink to him, and why do you wish to deprive him of it? I should like to be in the South of France during the vintage: how the hale youth and nimble-footed girls must bound upon the plain at that joyous season, if they cannot keep themselves quiet and within doors even in December! It was on Sunday-afternoon as we changed horses at Breteuil, that a knot of lads and laffes, all decked in their clean Sunday-clothes, were romping on a green which rifes by the road-fide, as full of sport and spirits as if it had been May! For feven or eight fuccessive hours had we been cramped together in our voiture, and how it happened that we did not all get out and join this frolicful circle, I know not; I am fure we should have enjoyed it. Perhaps we had pre-determined to fleep at Beauvais, and pre-determinations are

not to be argued against.

The police at Paris is faid to be remarkably good; under the Monarchy you know it was conducted with aftonishing activity and acuteness: in one respect, however, its present superiority will be univerfally acknowledged. The fireets of Paris are, generally speaking, very narrow, and are moreover destitute of that accommodation which one would think should be even more necessary here than in London where they are wider—the accommodation of adifferent pavement for foot-paffengers. It is a fact too well known to be disputed, that the coachman of a feigneur made no scruple in driving the long axle of his carriage against any unfortunate pedestrian who chanced to be in his way, and oftentimes in mere mischief would rattle his wheels in among a crowd, and enjoy the confusion. Many and serious accidents must necessarily have resulted from this feandalous privilege, for fuch it really was, and in the course of the year too many persons were killed by the exercise of it. This noble privilege of breaking other people's bones is now abolished: every horse, in every carriage, whether it be a voiture, cabrielet, or fiacre, is obliged to have a small bell suspended under his throat, to give timely warning of his approach: this republican regulation is doubtless attended with considerable security. As to highway-robberies one hears nothing about them; it is presumptive,

therefore, that they are not very frequently And yet the temptations committed. must be as strong here as they are in the environs of London, and, all other things equal, the chance of detection less, for notes are unknown here, and cash cannot be fworn to. We have feen no paper. money fince we left England: an affignat is quite a curiofity-a Queen Anne's farthing-but every role has its thorn, you know, and here cash is an incumbrance! Silver appears to be more plentiful than gold, and a man who goes to a banker for fifty pounds has a fort of shot-bag filled with coin, which he will probably either give to a fervant to carry for him, or hire a voiture and drive home with it himself. The exchange is very much against Eng. land-at Calais we lost nearly nine per cent. and here we lose, I think, somewhat more than eight and a quarter; this is a ferious addition to the expence of tra-The only gold coin that we have velling. feen are Louis-d'ors, some of which I understand have been struck since the revolution: the other current coins are douzelivre-pieces, fix-livre-pieces (both bearing the stamp of Louis XVI.) trente-souspieces, fix-liards, quarter-liards, deuxliards, and centimes. A centime is the hundredth part of a livre, which latter is nominal: a livre (or franc) being tenpence (English), a centime is consequently the fifth part of a halfpenny. The currency of fuch an infignificant coin is the most indisputable evidence in the world that things are cheap in France: of what use would a centime be in England?what would it purchase? Not thanks from a beggar!

(To be continued in our next.)

Errata in the former Letters.—Page 98, col. 1, line 36, infert my before natale solum.

—Page 98, col. 1, line 40, for unstring'd read unstringed.—Page 99, col. 2, line 26, for fortifications read fortification.—Page 102, col. 1, line 38, for effect read effort—Page 103, col. 1, line 50, for one read be.

To the Editor of the Monthly Magazine.

JUSTICE to the memory of my muchlamented friend, Mr. Wakefield,
obliges me to notice, that in his edition
of Virgil (which is come into my possession within these ten day) he has anticipated me in reforming the punctuation of
Virg. Æn. V. 372. To him therefore
let the whole praise of the correction be
given. Habeat secum servetque sepulcro.
I am not ignorant that Aulus Gellius, lib.
v. cap. 8. of his Noct. Attic. explains the

passage as it has been generally understood. But whoever reads through the whole chapter will not attribute much to his authority, and will be disposed to allow that at least that night the Grammarian took a nap.

Walthamstow, March 13, 1802. I am, Sir, Yours, &c.

E. COGAN.

To the Editor of the Monthly Magazine.

A S your Miscellany is the best channel extant, either to convey or to receive useful information, I request you will spare me a column for a few inquiries, on a subject in which many of your readers are interested.

In the year 1775, the Corporation of Dublin raised the sum of 70,000l. upon life annuities, with benefit of survivorship; and, having but a slender income, I was induced to subscribe for a sew shares in the second class, with the hope of increasing it. For several years I received at the rate of 51. 10s. 9d. per cent, English money—and though it was less than I had expected, I was not dissatisfied.

In the subsequent years, my annuities varied according to the following scale.

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1787—5 10 9
1788—6 9 0
1791—5 10 9
1792—7 7 0
1793—5 10 9
1794 to 1801. 6 9 0

Now, Sir, I shall be glad to be informed by the Corporation of Dublin, or by any of your Correspondents, on what principle it is that my annuity, with benefit of furvivorship, is to decrease. Why am I to receive 711. per cent. in 1792, and 51 l.in 1793? Had it remained flationary, I should have been content—but how it can leffen, exceeds my comprehension. Surely the spirits of departed subscribers do not rife again after a certain term, and claim their former annuities ? I have no doubt that the committee who manage this Tontine are "all honourable men"-but as there is something extraordinary in these retrograde movements, an explanation will oblige many subscribers, and particularly. London, Your obedient Servant,

To the Editor of the Monthly Magazine.

March 11, 1802.

HE following anecdote relating principally to the Island of Cyprus, when conquered by the Musulmans; in the mid-

dle of the seventh century, is extracted from a very ancient and curious manufcript, the Tarikh Aasim e-Cusi; or, the History of the first Khalifs, by Aasim, of Cusa, a celebrated writer, whose work, originally written in Arabic, is supposed at present to exist only in the Persian translation, made about the year of the Hegira 596 (of the Christian æra 1199), as appears by the presace. Other passages from the same manuscript shall, if acceptable, be communicated for insertion in suture Numbers of your excellent Magazine.

March 8, 1802. I am, Sir, Your's, &c. W. OUSELEY.

" Having collected a variety of precious articles, Moawyeh added to their number a young damfel of exquitite beauty and grace, whom he had brought from the island of Cyprus, and fent them to Ofman, the Commander of the Faithful, (then at Medina), under the charge of Obdet ben Obeidah, with a letter of compliments, and an account of all the circumstances that had befallen. Khalif had already received the fifth share of Moawyeh's plunder from the illand of Cyprus, these additional presents and the letter afforded him infinite satisfaction, and he returned thanks to the Almighty. And when he looked upon that beautiful damsel, and beheld her extraordinary charms, he faid unto the messenger, who had brought her, 'Is fhe also of the fifths, or is the a free gift?' The messenger replied, ' In dividing the plunder of Cyprus, this fair damfel fell to the private lot of Moawyeh, and he fends her as a gift to the Commander of the Faithful.' the Khalif enquired of the messenger, whether he had been with the Musulmans at the conquest of Cyprus; and, as he answered that he had been present, defired him to describe the situation of that island, its length, and breadth, and other particulars-Abdet replied, ' The island of Cyprus is of considerable extent, and extremely fertile; the inhabitants affert, that it is eighty parasangs in breadth, and as many in length: therein I beheld various streams of running water, with innumerable groves and gardens, plantations of fruit trees, and cultivated fields. So numerous and so beautiful are the elegant A. F. villas, the lofty palaces, and the other frately edifices of that island, that it is vain to undertake a description of them. Befides all these, it abounds in quadrupeds of different kinds, such as mules, horses, camels, cows, sheep, and asses. Yet, in the conquett of this island, through the

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favour of Almighty God, the Mussulmans experienced but little difficulty: for, when the inhabitants beheld our troops, they were smitten with fear, and so affected by terror, that not one of them could fight, nor draw his knife; they were fo pufillanimous and contemptible, that none could fummon up courage to ftand before us in battle; and their prince fent a meffenger to us, and folicited peace.' On hearing this, Ofman, the Commander of the Faithful, exclaimed- All this has proceeded from the grace of God, and from his mercy towards his fervants! Then he caused the fifth of the plunder of Cyprus, which had been fent to him, to be distributed in shares amongst the inhabitants of Medina, referving for himfelf that beautiful damfel whom Moawyeh had prefented to him; but, as this circumstance displeased his wife Nailah, and caused great uneafiness to her, he sent the damsel back to Moawyeh, who kept her in his house until the day of his death, but the bore not any children."

To the Editor of the Monthly Magazine.

BE so good as to inform, in any way most convenient for yourself, the writer in your Magazine for November, who figns himself a Lover of Historic Truth, that I feel myself indebted to him for his politeness in the manner of expreffing his remarks on the Essay on the Character of Lear; and that if I have any opportunity by another edition, I will duly confider, and endeavour to avail myfelf of, their justness. I am, Sir, Glafgow College: Your's, &c. W.R.

To the Editor of the Monthly Magazine.

TE are referred by Quintus Curtius to an old Persian word for the etymology of the Tigris, a celebrated river fo called; he fays, " a celeritate qua defluit," &c. from the swiftness with which it flows, " Tigris fignifying an arrow"in modern Persian, this word is softened into tir, or teer, as it is pronounced (the Greek termination (is) being omitted). The ancient (tigr) and the modern (tir) feems to have entered into the composition of many Perhan proper names, as Tigranes, Tiridates, &c. But how is this Parvaaim. etymology to be reconciled with the Hebrew name of the river, דינלת (Diglat)? The first letter presents but little difficulty, fince d and t are in all languages interchangeable, and letters of the same organ. Now, as to the obstacle which occurs in the l of diglat, I think we must

consult the ancient Persick, and we shall find, according to Sir William Ouseley, in his " Observations on some Medals and Gems bearing Inscriptions in the Pabluci Charaller," (p. 27 and 28), that the let. ters L and R were indifcriminately used by the early Perfians, and that one character generally ferved for both. If we read the Hebrew word, therefore, Digrat, we shall restore it perhaps to its Persian derivation, and confirm the etymology of Quintus Curtius,

March 7, 1802.

To the Editor of the Monthly Magazine.

HAT the adoration of the fun, which prevailed among the Peruvians long before the arrival of the Spaniards in Ame. rica, was borrowed from strangers of distant nations with whom they held a commercial intercourse, is the opinion of a most learned scholar, the celebrated Dr. Hyde, of Oxford, who in his " Historia Religionis Veterum Perfarum," (first edit. p. 123), says, " Non est dubium quin olim Pæri et Cananæi," &c. &c .- " It is a matter beyond all doubt, that in former times the Phoenicians and Cananites failed to the Peruvian coast, as I have proved from the Periplus of Hanno, and other authorities, in my notes to the Itinera Mundi. Befides, in the Greek Bible, we read that Solomon, with the affiftance of the Tyrians, procured the gold paper, i. e. of the Peruvians, whence may be afcertained the more true punctuation of the Hebrew name ברוים."

Not having at hand either the Periplus of Hanno, or the rabbinical work (Itinera Mundi) above-mentioned, I beg to learn from some of your ingenious correspondents what has been done on this hint of Dr. Hyde, by himself or others. The English Bible (ii. Chronicles, chap. 3, ver. 6), reads the passage in question thus-" And the gold was gold of Farvaim ;" in the Latin Vulgate this proper name is not to be found-the verie is rendered as follows-" Stravit quoque pavimentum templi pretiofissimo marmore decore multo." In the Greek Septuagint, we read as in the English, xevois TE Ex Gapovilu, which corresponds to the Hebrew text והב פרוים, rendered by Montanus, aurum

It appears from the paffage in Dr. Hyde's work, above quoted, that he would correct this pronunciation of the Hebrew word, and call it Parouim or Peruim, a plural, which he would translate the Peruvians. I am, Sir, &c.

Feb. 24, 1802.

For the Monthly Magazine. Further ACCOUNT of the NEW PLANET.

THE Planet having been loft through M. Piazzi's illness, on the 11th of February, 1801, after he had observed it for fix weeks; and it never having been feen out of his observatory, the aftronomers were reduced to the necessity of endeavouring to find it, after eight months, by elements of its orbit deduced from his observations. He had given elements in a circular orbit, and Dr. Burkhardt, at Paris, and Mr. Gauss, at Bremen, elliptical elements. Baron Zach published calculations of its place from Dr. Burkhardt's elements, in his monthly journal, and the aftronomers of Europe have laboured to find it by thefe calculations and their own, but in vain. Mr. Gaus, of Brunswick, probably excited bythis difappointment to try to produce more exact elements, succeeded in the attempt, and calculations made upon them have been also published in the same monthly journal, and fortunately been the means of finding the planet again, which was observed by Baron Zach, at the Gotha Observatory, on the 7th of December last year, and by Dr. Olbers, at Bremen, on the 1st day of January this year, as it had been discovered by M. Piazz on the ift of January of the preceding year. Dr. Olbers observed the planet, without knowing it, making a right angle with two flars in the right wing of the constellation of the Virgin; and, looking again the next night, was fruck with the appearance of the figure of the triangle being changed, which flewed a motion that pointed out the planet to him. He thought he was the first who had observed it fince it had been lost, but Baron Zach afterwards published an account of his having feen it before, on the 7th of December; but, not being certain of its being the planet, waited before he published any thing till he could verify his observation by the return of fine weather, which was not till the latter end of the month. Thus these two learned gentlemen may both be considered as discoverers, fince each found it without the affiftance of the other; and if either of the observations had been wanting, we should have been in possession of the planet by the observation of the other. We must, however, always gratefully acknowledge our principal obligations are to M. Piazzi, the original discoverer, though he let it afterwards flip through his fingers, and by withholding an early, free, and ample communication of his discovery from the learned world, hazarded the total loss of MONTHLY MAG. No. 85.

it to the present generation, to be discovered again, perhaps by accident, in some future age. We are, however, now in full possettion of it, without fear of losing it again, except only in the fun's rays, in like manner as the other planets, to emerge from them again on the contrary fide of the fun, and from an evening flar turned into a morning one.

Mr. Gauss's elements of the orbit of the planet in an ellipsis, are as follow:

Epoch of 1801 2 17 36 34 Place of aphelium 10 26 27 38 Ascending node -2 21 0 44 Inclination 0 10 36 57 Mean distance 2,7673

Periodic time 1681 days, or four years and feven months.

Mean daily heliocentric motion 12' 50",914.

Eccentricity 0,0825017 to the mean distance taken as unity.

Greatest equation of centre 9° 27' 41". These elements give the longitude greater by a degree than Dr. Olber's observations; while Dr. Burkhardt's elements give it near 8° less, and M. Piazzi's circular elements near 110 less.

The planet was first observed by M. Mechain, the astronomer of the National Observatory at Paris, on the 23d of January, who fent an account hither: and it was observed at the Royal Observatory at Greenwich, on the third of this month. It has been also observed by Alexander Aubert, Esq. at Highbury Place; by Stephen Lee, jun. Eiq. at Hackney; George Gilpin, Esq. at the Royal Society apartments, Somerfet Place; and by Dr. Herschel, at Slough; who have communicated their observations to the Royal Society. It will take fome time to determine its apparent diameter with any exactness, it being so small. Although M. Piazzi reckoned it 7" when it was farther off than at present, it appears here much finaller; the Aftronomer-royal has eftimated it at 2"; Dr. Herschel, at one fecond, which may be the case with his tenfeet reflecting telescope. It is expected to be in opposition to the sun the latter end of March. ASTROPHILUS.

Feb. 27, 1802.

To the Editor of the Monthly Magazine.

THE letter from Dr. Lettfom, in your Magazine for January, and that figned Varro, in your last Number, are on a subject very interesting to the lovers of a Ee

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good garden; and still more so (as its importance is greater) to those who are engaged in agriculture. I apprehend, therefore, that you will readily admit a few further remarks, which may be of use to decide what seems to be not fully re-

garded.

Mr. Bradley, in some of his writings, mentions a person whose curiosity led him to watch a couple of birds, who had a nest of young ones, for one hour:—they went out and returned continually, bringing every time a caterpillar back to their young. He counted the journies they took, and calculated that that one nest could not consume less than 5000 in the course of a day. I thought this seemed to be an extravagant number to suppose; but, on considering how little room caterpillars require, how soft is their substance, and how quick is the digestion of birds, I was fully satisfied as to that point.

Dr. Lettsom thinks that the common observation, that a severe frost destroys grubs, infects, &c. may be erroneous. rather wonder at his supposition, and cannot think with him. For when we confider that it is the nature of frost to fivell all fluids, and to destroy all tenacity, how can we suppose, that any principle of vitality can remain in any animal body which has been entirely frozen through its fubflance? Its vessels must have been all broken, by the enlargement of the contained fluids; and the body therefore prepared for immediate putcid dissolution, when a Those grubs only, which thaw comes. have retired to a greater depth in the earth than the frost reaches, can remain. I remember a fact full to this point :- A gentleman in the county of Essex assured me, in the latter end of the year 1795, that the severe frost of the former winter had done immense service to the farmers on his estates; for that, previous to that time, they had been for several years so infested with grubs, that their wheat crops suffered most severely, and they had been frequently obliged to repeat their wheat-fowing in the spring, or to sow some other crops where the wheat had been destroyed; but after that frost, he faid, the evil was removed.

It has been supposed that tom tits, and some other birds, injure the blossoms of fruit-trees in the spring: I have watched them completely, and have been convinced, that the fact is the contrary; and that when they are seen to peck at the blossoms, as is generally thought, they are snatching an insect out of its retreat. Yet if they did feed on blossoms, I see not

what injury they could do, for the trees produce millions more than can possibly set and ripen into fruit; so that, if they did not naturally perish and fall, they must be picked off in multitudes, or no fruit could be had.

I suspect the carrion-crow to be EN-TIRELY carnivorous, and I rather believe the same of the rook; for these birds may be always seen to settle, in great numbers, on a fresh-ploughed field before it is sown.

Your correspondent Varro confiders pigeons as very mischievous, because they are entirely granivorous; but animals of this description may be also very serviceable, inatmuch as they confume immense quantities of feeds of weeds, which would otherwise prove a terrible plague to the farmer, cost him a large expence, and perhaps puzzle his diligence to eradicate them. There is a paper in the Museum Rusticum, vol. ii. p. 255, giving an account, that the farmers at Tuxford, in Nottinghamshire, had destroyed their pigeons; and afterwards found, that without these birds they could get no crops of The foil was full of the feeds of ketlocks, which overshot and destroyed their The pigeons preferred these seeds to any corn whatever, and the farmers were obliged to re-people their courts.

The usefulness of domestic poultry is fully established, from the success attending the experiment which Dr. Lettsom mentions to have been made at Norsolk Island. It is plain, therefore, contrary to the supposition of Varro, that they will take the trouble of looking after insects. Turkeys will leave any thing for the seeds of nettles, and will always thrive where nettles grow abundantly. The Guineafowl, which seems to be a species of the Turkey, is probably of the same disposi-

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Varro justly supposes ducks to be very ferviceable, if flocks of them were turned in upon young corn, or among turnips; but the number must be great to do any They are not so beneextensive service. ficial in a garden, for they will take liberties with the strawberries; and I have had the hearts of my endive and lettuces picked out by them, in order to get at the little red worms which are apt to harbour there. The common plover or pee-wit feems fitter for gardens than the duck; because its long fharp bill can take the worms without injuring the plants, which the broad round bill of the duck cannot fo well do; and these birds have no taste for strawberries; they may therefore be fafely trusted.

Upon the whole, Sir, having made much observation on the seathered part of the creation, and considered the matter well, I am not partially but entirely a friend to them ALL (the great voracious birds of prey, which seldom come under notice, excepted). If they eat part of our corn, or part of our fruit, shall we grudge it, when they are the means of preserving the rest? God has not given to us an exclusive right to the whole: and, as the poet says,

The birds of heaven will vindicate their right.

If therefore we would act confishently with our character, as good masters of the inferior world, or confishently with our own interest, we shall cheerfully allow these our dependent servants (for such they are) their small pittance, and receive in return the benefits they will bring us, besides being cheared with their wild and delightful melody.

J. B. PIKE.

For the Monthly Magazine.

Feb. 23, 1802.

DESULTORY COMMENTS on MASON'S SUPPLEMENT to JOHNSON'S DICTIONARY.

[Continued from page 13, of Vol. XIII.]

MACARONI.

THIS word, fays Mr. Mason, derives from the Italian, and signifies an egregious sop. Grant both positions, does it follow, that the term can with propriety be thus applied, if it has no such meaning in the literature of the Italians?

From macco, peafe-pudding, derives maccheroni (in the provincial dialect of Naples, macaroni), the name of a yellowish passe made of the flour of faragolla, one of the many Sicilian varieties of wheat, by squeezing it in a moist state through a wooden cullender, or pierced cylinder, the orifices of which have in the center a wire or skewer, which tubulates the extruded dough. The paste breaks off in flaccid pipes, about a span long, and when dried in the air will keep for many years: seeped in hot gravy, and frowed with scrapings of Parmelan cheefe, it is a favourite dish in Italy: nor is it unknown in London, by the same name.

The water expressed in making maccheroni is remarkably turbid and sluggish;
hence the Italian proverb più grosso dell'
acqua dei maccheroni, which is applied to
a sluggish stupid intellect. Maccherone,
too, says the Vocabulary Della Grusca, is

used for a dullard, a blockhead: as in English one says, a brain of dough. Donne the satirist writes,

In dough-bak'd men some harmlesiness we see.

and uses in a similar sense the word in question,

I figh and fweat To hear this macaroon talk on in vain.

How then can the modern abuse of the word be accounted for? On the Mole at Naples (is it allowed to echo such brothel-slang out of the Crypts of Cotytto?), the phrase, cazzo di macarone, which is in fact picturesque, may be heard among the sailors: it is slung against such as are supposed "to want vigour when put to the shift." By some fea-faring people the words, no doubt, were brought to England, and applied, with decent abbreviation, to those sophings of fashion, those would-be bloods, whom the sons of Neptune are accustomed to despise.

Macaroni then means (1) a tubulated paste used in cookery; (2) a sluggish-minded man; in this sense it is obsolete: (3) a sluggish-bodied man, a feeble libertine, a pretended rake, a sham debauchee, a sop; in this sense it is not a very decorous word.

Macaroon, in French macaron, the name of a cake made of almonds and sugar, is supposed by Richelet to derive from the Greek panas, blessed, as it were the bread of the blessed, the ambrosia of the new Jerusalem. This is improbable; yet a cake of almonds must have been invented and named in a land of almonds. There is, or was, a town, Macaria, in the island of Cyprus; perhaps Margaret of Hennegan, the favourite mistress of Richard Lion heart, thence sent the receipt for making macaroons.

Malengin .- From the Latin adverb male derives the French adverb mal, ill, amis. This adverb is much used in compolition by the French, as mal-adroit, malaife, malapre, mal-aventure, mal-bati, mal-content, &c. At a time, when our writers thought it a symptom of refinement to Gallicize, were introduced the fimilarly formed English words, mal-administration, malcontent, malpractice, malversation, &c. which are yet retained; and malapert, malengin, maltalent, malfeafance, &c. which are obsolescent. Adverbs do not naturally coalesce with substantives; it is only with verbal fubstantives, where continued action is implied, that they can with propriety form junctions. Mal-administration, mal-practice, mal-versation, are of Ee 2

this kind. So is mal-feasance; but as feasance is already obsolete, the derivative is following its fortunes: we should now say malescence. On the contrary, maleontent, malengin, maltalent, are somewhat anomalous. The old participial adjective mal-contented, which Lord Bacon employs, is more defensible than Addison's substantive, mal-content. Malapert is disused; because its derivation, and consequently its precise and elsential meaning, is uncertain. I guess it is the French mal-apris, ill taught: Minshew says, male apertus; Junius, mal and pert; Bailey, malé partus;

Johnson follows Junius.

Marquess .- The distance to which it is convenient and usual to send the same horfes with a mail-coach, or a post-chaife, is called a ftage; and, with our prefent roads and breeds of cattle, may be estimated at about fifteen miles. In the feudal times, a stage was called a march, which word, fays Spelman, derives from a Teutonic etymon, fignifying, borfe; whence also the Icelandish mar, equus, and the English mare, equa. If messages, provifions, forage, ammunition, were to be conveyed for the fovereign through a given diffrict, the lords of castles along the road undertook the duty in fuccession; each employed his own valials and cattle to an agreed diffance in every direction: the line circumfcribing thefe stopping-places formed the boundary of his march, which may commonly have included a diffrict of 30 miles diameter. Wherever the conqueits of the Goths extended, a distribution of the country into marches, and certain connected military regulations, were introduced, and the lord of a march was denominated, in the Latinity of the middle ages, marchifius. From this word derives the Italian marcheje, the French marquis, and the English marquis. I know not why Mr. Mason prefers the spelling marquess, which has a feminine termination, and, in the case of Lady Ann Bolein, seems to have been confidered as a feminine term. In the Teutonic, the lord of a march is called mark graf, whence the fill fubfilling title margrave; and, in the Anglo-faxon, mearcgerefa. This word gerefa has, in modern English, been abbreviated into reve, thus a land-reve, the reve's tale, and from Shire-gereve, Shire-reve, and now Sheriff; so that march-reve would be the proper designation of a marchifius or margrave.

Mijailied, mijavised, misselieving, missern, &c.—Are none of these words misserned? Two of them have a French, two a Saxon, derivation; does the formative syllable mis coalesce indifferently with

either? It is certainly of Gothic origin. One finds in Ulphilas missadedins, for misdeeds; and miffaleiks, for unlike; in Ice. landish, misslet, for motley ; missvefni, for restleffness, misdreaming : in Swedish, misdære, an archfool; missbrott, a crime; in Anglo-faxon, misbeardh, a misbirth; mislædan, to missead; in Hollandish, mis. booren, to bear amiss; misbak, a bad batch: in Danish, misforstaaelse, misunderstanding; mismod, discouragement : Friefish, mifdwan, to do amis; mishagian, to displease, &c. But it has been received from the Franks by their Gallic subjects, and is freely used in the composition of French Thus mefaise, mesalliance, mesarriver, mesavenir, mesaventure, &c. It feems then, that the syllable mis being common both to the Gothic and to the French fountain of our language, may, with equal propriety, accompany words from either: yet, we should helitate, I think, to couple it with words of Greek origin, and should feel as unwelcome novations such terms as misphilosophize, misprophetic, misrbetoric. The primary meaning of mis is not easily ascertained. Johnfon defines the adverb amis, which has the same etymon, not right, out of order: of arrows, which do not hit the mark, we fay that they miss. I suspect that the word was originally used of weapons; and that it meant not merely to avoid, but to grafe, to touch injuriously; for ideas of disappointment, of disapprobation, and of injury, teem affociated with its meaning. Behdes, a rude language is not likely to have had a positive term for expressing the mere negation of action. Nor could meiffel mean a chizel, unless meiffen had once meant to scratch.

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For the Monthly Magazine.

Some ACCOUNT of the LEIPZIG MI-CHAELMAS-FAIR, 1801.

T the preceding Easter-fair already the agents and riders of the great English mercantile houses in London, Leeds, Manchester, Sheffield, Glasgow, and other manufacturing towns, had been very bufy in preparing the ware rooms where at Michaelmas they might expose to fale immense piles of goods, at the most reasonable prices. Accordingly, waggon after waggon, merchant after merchant, made their appearance, fome of them hoping there to indemnify themselves for the losses they had sustained at Frankfortfair, where, in consequence of the strictly enforced prohibitions of British goods in France, the exhausted state of the countries bordering

caules, even the English, though they fold their goods uncommonly cheap, were not able to do much bufinefs. There had been indeed a great number of vifitors at Frankfort; but the merchants from the North of Europe have forty German miles farther to travel to Frankfort than to Leipzig, and this faving alone more than counterbalances all the advantages arifing from the greater cheapness of provisions and house-rent, and from the lowness\* of the duties paid in Frankfort. It is probable then, that Leipzig will remain the principal staple-place for the trade with the North; and for this more provision had been made last fair, than in any preceding one. It was faid, that no less than forty-fix English mercantile houses had ware-rooms at the fair. Among thole who attended for the first time, we obferved the following: -W. Barbe and Co. W. Turner and Co. from Manchester; A. Rutherford, from Manchester; Kerr and Duddingston, J. Cunliff, Blatt, and Ridgway, Tonner, and Co. T. Brookes and Co. from Manchester; J. Gibson and Wm. Guthrie, from Glaigow. English houses, however, which were already known at Leipzig from their former dealings, Campbell, from Glasgow. Arch. Macnab (who some time ago married and lettled at Brunswick), and particularly J. Humphreys and Co. (who filled with goods all the front rooms of Dufour's large house in the great market-place), maintained a superiority over the newcomers, and fold extraordinary quantities of muslins, dimities, thickfets, &c. cotton manufactures of Saxony were thus again almost wholly beat out of the market by the British, with which they could not stand a competition, either with respect to the beauty and neatness of the patterns, or the lowners of the prices.

But what at former fairs had been less the case, the importation of the lighter sorts of English woollens was likewise immense, and threatened an entire stagnation in the manufactures of Germany. Even the middling cloths, and not merely the finest sorts, had been sent from England in such abundance, that the cloth-dealers of Züllichau, Görlitz, and other parts of Brandenburgh and Saxeny, were almost reduced to despair. But this severe stroke

bordering on the Rhine, and from other upon them might have been foreseen; for, during the two last years, all the fine and even coarfer wool, in the markets of Bautzen, Dresden, Leipzig, Naumberg, &c. had been bought up by English agents, and sent to England. The Saxon manufacturers made ftrong remonstrances against the exportation of the raw materials, but their petitions feem not to have been attended to, and the confequence is the ruin of the woollen manufactures, and the breadleffness of many thousands of spinners and weavers in that country. Agents have again been travelling about in Saxony with English guineas, who even buy beforehand the produce of the next sheepfhearing, and by their competition confiderably advance the price of the wool.

All this could not fail to excite the livelieft fentiments of indignation in the breafts of the German merchants. It had been proposed by the Electoral Deputation for Trade and Manufactures, to erect a magazine, where the merchants might depofit their goods, and receive a fum out of the electoral treasury equal to one-half of their value, without interest; but with this pawn-shop, as it was called, no one was fatisfied, nor indeed could be. The English effect every thing by means of machinery and immense capitals. The latter the Saxon manufacturers wish to obtain as a free loan from the Elector: and, with respect to the former, some of the most active intended to exert themselves to the utmost, and hoped to perform great things, provided no hindrance arole from the exclusive privileges granted to some manufacturers in Chemnitz, &c, Some models of spinning jennies, &c. were exhibited at the fair, with proposals on reasonable terms for the erection of them; which fliewed, at least, that the industry and ingenuity of the Germans have not unfuccessfully attempted to appropriate to themselves the improvements of English artifts. A Madame Tefch published propofals, according to which the offered to furnish machines for spinning wool for fine cloth and caffimirs.

On the proper pay-day, the Thursday in the pay-week, there arrived from Dreiden a severe prohibition of the sale of French porcelaine, with which the fair was inundated. The director of the manufactory of Meissen, Marcolini, Master of the Horse, and chief tavourite of the Elector, had attended the fair, and had every where seen large quantities of the Séve China-ware exposed to sale, not on y by Osterwald, Drapeau, and other vencers of sashionable articles from Paris, but likewise

<sup>\*</sup> For instance, the duty paid at Frankfort for a bale of cloth centaining twenty-four pieces, is twenty-four creutzers: but in Leipzig, it would amount to perhaps as many halfdollars.

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likewise in the shops of the Leipzig bookfellers, and dealers in works of art; and in consequence of his representations, the prohibitory edict had been fo fuddenly iffued. Although every one acknowledged the equity of this meature, as the electoral porcelaine is strictly prohibited in France, yet it gave rife to a deal of murmuring among the Saxon manufacturers, who wished to have a similar prohibition fulminated against their French and English rivals, without confidering that this would tend altogether to destroy the fair. Several Saxon patriots, however, have published in occasional pamphlets their apprehensions of the impending ruin of the manufactures of the electorate.

The French merchants did a good deal of bufiness, especially in filks, points and fine cloth. The manufactures of Lyons had indeed, on account of the dearness of the raw filk, rather rifen than fallen in price; but the merchants from Russia and Poland, who attended in confiderable numbers, purchased large quantities; and some honses, as Farges from Lyons, and Gontard from Frankfort, had fo quick a fale that their storehouses were emptied long before the end of the fair. The Polish Jews waited with impatience for the arrival of Gontard, and some of them even went to meet him. The influence of fashion, however, which had for some time past been rather unfavourable to filk-fluffs, was here likewise very perceptible. In Poland and Rusha too the ladies of fashion now wear almost nothing but muslins and cotton. The finest book muslins were purchased for the coldest regions of the North. But the general introduction of flawls, which are made very thick and warm for the use of the Hyperboreans, has rendered the thinnest linens and muslins fit articles of drefs even in the most rigorous season. A Greek merchant, of the name Ginagos, brought some real Oriental shawls to the fair. Atlas, once generally used for winter-drefles, is now employed only for covers and state-cloaths.

Bruffels-points and points & Alengon were in greater request, and fetched higher prices than ever. Desportes, a French merchant, who is fettled at Weimar, fold a lace-veil of extraordinary beauty to a Rossian princess for one hundred pounds. A great number of dealers in fashionable ticles and milleners attended from Paris, nent, manufactured into filk-paper. who, from the fingularity of their drefs,

paffage, the travellers and strangers who were flocking to Paris. Every one was tempted to purchase at least a tablier en corfage, or a doliman à la Egyptienne.

It is almost incredible in what an end. less variety the effigy of Bonaparte made its appearance on fashionable trinkets, snuff-boxes, medallions, bracelets; engraven in precious stones, cast in metal, sculptured in ivory, blown in glass, and even as a periwig-block. Next to Bonaparte, the Emperor Alexander of Ruffia was most the order of the day: Baumgarten, of Leipzig, disposed of some hundreds of fnuff-boxes with his effigy, and engraved portraits of him every where met the eye The Italian and English merchants, however, who, instead of gazing at his picture in Leipzig, had gone on directly to Moscow with their copper plates, cameos, and fashionable articles of dress and decoration, were much better rewarded for their homage. Indeed the coronation at Moscow, in another respect, likewise, affected the Michaelmas-fair; for many traders from the interior parts of Ruffia did not visit Leipzig, finding it more to their advantage to attend with their merchandize in that capital during the ceremony. On the other hand, great numbers of Jews from Brody, in Gallicia, again came to the Leipzig-fair.

Among the fashionable articles, we particularly distinguished the English strawhats and chip-hats, which greatly furpaffed any thing of the kind produced by the German manufacturers. Of English plated ware, too, vast quantities were exposed for fale, at prices aftonishingly low considering the neatness and elegance of these articles. Sage, of Old Bond-street, had fent a large affortment of transparencies, varying in price from four pounds to four shillings, which were exhibited in Peter-street, and few spectators could withstand the temptation to purchase at least one of these prints. Besides these, indeed, many other proofs again occurred how far the English surpais the Germans in a spirit of speculation. Mr. Macuab announced by handbills, and in the newfpapers, that he would purchase filk rags by the pound. And he actually obtained a confiderable quantity, which, a German patriot with vexation observes, will

Frege, the banker, received first, by a futnions, and turned as and remains of the courier from Frankfort, the intelligence of fathions, and turned no customer away un- the figning of the Preliminaries of Peace tatisfied. These folks in particular at. between England and France, and rejoiced tracted the notice of the northern birds of to be able to communicate immediately

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this important news to Rochefoucault, the French minister at the court of Dreiden, and to the other illustrious strangers then at Leipzig. What advantages would some of our speculating stockjobbers have reaped from this golden fecret, to which Frege alone possessed the key during fix hours! Macnab actually gained fome thousands of dollars, by quickly buying up English bills, &c. for, from five dollars fifteen groschens, the course of exchange role in forty eight hours to five rix-dollars twenty-three groschens : but it again fell considerably, in consequence of large quantities of English paper being poured into the market from Russia, and from the corncountries near the mouth of the Vistula.

To the Editor of the Monthly Magazine.

TO species of information is received more generally and with greater pleasure than natural history, particularly the history of the inferior animals. are delighted to observe the superiority of the human mind to the rest of the creation; and with a conscious pride we behold instinct employing its utmost efforts in vain to emulate the operations of reason. Hence it comes, that we are most surprised and delighted by those actions of animals that approach nearest the actions of man. bird that fings, the parrot that chatters, and the monkey that mimicks our geftures, all obtain a peculiar place in our regard. But those animals who discover a fagacity approaching to reason are our favourites. The horse, the cat, and, above all, the dog, is our friend and companion. This last animal emulates not only the mental powers of man, but even fome of the human virtues. The amazing fagacity of the dog, his gratitude, his unshaken fidelity, that acute sense of shame which often betrays his faults, and that consciousness of good desert with which he comes to claim the reward of his fervices, all these circumstances approximate very closely to what we observe in the human character. These qualities, together with his great utility for various purpofes, have rendered him the constant attendant and principal favourite of man. Every anecdote therefore that tends to elucidate the nature and powers of this very superior animal, must be particularly amusing and interesting to all the lovers of natural hiftory. The following are completely au-

spent the winter months in the capital of North Britain, having gone with his family to pais the fummer at his country feat, left the care of his town-refidence, together with a favourite house dog, to fome fervants, who were placed at boardwages. The dog foon found board wages very short allowance; and to make up the deficiency, he had recourse to the kitchen of a friend of his matter's, which in better days he had occasionally visited. By a hearty meal, which he received here daily, he was enabled to keep himfelf in good condition, till the return of his mafter's family to town on the approach of winter. Though now restored to the enjoyment of plenty at home, and standing in no need of foreign liberality, he did not forget that hospitable kitchen where he had found a resource in his adversity. A few days after, happening to faunter about the streets, he fell in with a duck, which, as he found it in no private pond, he probably concluded to be no private property. He fnatched up the duck in his teeth, carried it to the kitchen where he had been so hospitably fed, laid it at the cook's feet, with many polite movements of his tail, and then scampered off with much feeming complacency at having given this testimony of his grateful fense of favours"

The following anecdote is an instance of that fagacity and attachment which so justly contribute to make the dog our favourite. --- "Those valleys, or glens, as they are called by the natives, which interfect the Grampian mountains, are chiefly inhabited by shep-The pastures, over which each herds. flock is permitted to range, extend many miles in every direction. The shepherd never has a view of his whole flock at once, except when they are collected for the purpose of sale or shearing. His occupation is to make daily excursions to the different extremities of his pastures in fuccession; and to turn back, by means of his dog, any stragglers that may be approaching the boundaries of his neigh-In one of these excursions, a bours. shepherd happened to carry along with him one of his children, an infant about three This is an usual practice years old. among the Highlanders, who accustom their children from the earliest infancy to endure the rigors of the climate. After traverfing his pastures for some time, atthentic, which is, perhaps, one of the tended by his dog, the shepherd found first recommendations to anecdotes of this himself under the necessity of ascending a nature.-" A gentleman who usually summit at some distance, to have a more extentive

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extensive view of his range. As the ascent was too fatiguing for the child, he left him on a small plain at the bottom, with strict injunctions not to stir from it till his return. Scarcely, however, had he gained the fummit, when the horizon was fuddenly darkened by one of those impenetrable mists, which frequently defcend fo rapidly amidit thefe mountains as, in the space of a few minutes, almost to turn day to night. The anxious father instantly hastened back to find his child: but, owing to the unufual darkness and his own trepidation, he unfortunately miffed his way in the descent. After a fruitless research of many hours amongst the dangerous moralies and cataracts, with which the e mountains abound, he was at length overtaken by night. Still wandering on without knowing whither, he at length came to the verge of the mift; and, by the light of the moon, discovered that he had reached the bottom of his valley, and was now within a short distance of his cottage. To renew the fearch that night, was equally fruitless and dangerous. He was therefore obliged to return to his cottage, having lost both his child, and his dog who had attended him faithfully for years. Next morning by day-break, the shepherd, accompanied by a band of his neighbours, fet out in fearch of his child; but, after a day spent in fruitless fatigue, he was at last compelled by the approach of night to defcend from the mountain. On returning to his cottage, he found that the dog, which he had loft the day before, had been home, and on receiving a piece of cake had inftantly gone off again. For feveral fuccessive days the shepherd renewed the fearch for his child, and still on returning home at evening disappointed to his cottage, he found that the dog had been home, and, on receiving his usual allowance of cake, had instantly disappeared. Struck with this fingular circumstance, he remained at home one day; and when the dog as usual departed with his piece of cake, he resolved to follow him, and find out the cause of his strange procedure. The dog led the way to a cataract, at fome distance from the spot where the shepherd had left his child. The banks yet separated by an abyis of immente depth, presented that appearance which to often affonishes and appals the travellers and indicates that these stupendous chasms

sudden effect of some violent convulsion of the earth. Down one of these rugged and almost perpendicular descents, the dog be. gan, without hefitation, to make his way, and at last disappeared into a cave, the mouth of which was almost upon a level with the torrent. The shepherd with difficulty followed; but on entering the cave, what were his emotions, when he beheld his infant eating with much fatiffaction the cake which the dog had just brought him; while the faithful animal stood by, eyeing his young charge with the utmost complacence! From the situation in which the child was found, it appears that he had wandered to the brink of the precipice, and then either fallen or fcrambled down till he reached the cave; which the dread of the torrent had afterwards prevented him from quitting. The dag by means of his scent had traced him to the fpot; and afterwards prevented him from flarving by giving up to him his own daily allowance. He appears never to have quitted the child by night or day, except when it was necessary to go for it's food; and then he was always feen running at full speed to and from the cot-

January 10, 1802.

To the Editor of the Monthly Magazine.

WHEN I wrote that paper which you did me the favour to infert in your Magazine for December latt, I little expected that I should have occasion to trouble you again on the same subject. But as the paper figned Nauricus, in your last month's Magazine, does not contain a very extensive nor a very correct account of reflecting light-houses in England, a more perfect account may perhaps be acceptable to some of your philosophical readers, particularly to those who may be inclined to improve this useful branch of optics.

Large rewards have been given for finding the longitude, and for improving instruments for determining the latitude; but no premium has yet been offered for discovering the best method of erecting lights for the use of navigators, though of the cataract, almost joined at the top, they are of more consequence to coasting vessels, than both the latitude and longi-

tude put together. How mirrors came to be used in France and indicates that I campian mountains; for this purpole, I am not able to give any account, but in England this invenwere not the filent work of time, but the tion is of recent date. The idea, however, was not suggested by the falling of an apple, nor the diffection of a frog, but by a circumstance almost as trivial as either. It happened as follows:

At a meeting of a fociety of mathematicians at Liverpool, one of the members propoted to lay a wager that he would read a paragraph of a newspaper, at ten yards distance, with the light of a far-thing candle. The wager was laid; and the proposer covered the infide of a wooden dish with pieces of looking glass, fastened in with glazier's putty, placed this reflector behind his candle, and won the wager.

One of the company viewed this experiment with a philosophic eye. This was Captain Hutchinson, the dock-master. Hence, the origin of those reflecting lighthouses at Liverpool \*, which were erected

in the year 1763.

Mr. Hutchinson fays, "We have made and had in use here at Liverpool reflectors of one, two, and three feet focus, and three, 5½, 7½, and 12 feet diameter, the three small ones made of tin soldered together, and the largest of wood covered with looking-glass. The two large ones, called the fea-lights, leading through the Channel from the sea, till the two Hoylake-lights are brought in a line that leads into a very good road-stead to lie, till it is a proper time to proceed to Liverpool +."

These were, I believe, the only reflecting light-houses in England worthy of notice, at the time I began to fludy this subject, which was in the year 1777. As for those concaves made of copper, they scarcely deserve the name of reflectors, if the accounts which I have had of them

may be depended on.

After I had invented a method of conftrusting a concave mirror, eighteen inches in diameter, that would appear larger than a star of the first magnitude at fourteen miles distance, with a lamp of ten fingle threads of fine cotton, it did not require the genius of a RAMSDEN to know how to place a number of them to form a light-house.

The method which I used in fixing the mirrors in the light-house at Hunstanton, on the coast of Norfolk, was this .- In that direction where the strongest light was wanted, I fixed seven reflectors to iliuminate Two points of the compais, but at shorter distances I was more spar-

ing of light. Hence, if the placing of feven mirrors to illuminate a small angle be deemed an invention, it rather feems that I might lay claim to it. But to proceed with my history.

Before the light-house above-mentioned was finished, two of the Elder Brethren of the Trinity House, London, came to

In some instances it is difficult to determine what an invention is. But thefe gentlemen, after their return to London, made a reflector, which, I believe, was of their own invention. It was in the form of a dice-box, standing on one end, with a circular lamp round the middle of it. It was fixed up at Lowestoffe. But thefe. gentlemen are now no more!-So I shall lay no more concerning their invention.

In the twenty-fixth year of his prefent Majesty's reign, an Act of Parliament passed for erecting four light-houses in the northern parts of Great Britain: one on Kinnard's Head, in the county of Aber. deen; one on the island of North Ranaldshaw, in the Orkneys; one on the Point of Scalpa, in the island of Herries; and a fourth on the Mull of Cantyre. These being erected and lighted agreeably to my directions, were found to answer the purpose so well and at so small an annual expence, that the trustees obtained another act in the year 1788, authorizing them to erect a fifth light-house on the island of Arran, or upon the little island of Plada, near the same, which was to be done without any increase of the duties authorized to be levied by the former act.

It may not be improper in this place to name the promoter of this useful under-The late Sir John Hunter Blair, taking. of Edinburgh, a man of an enlarged understanding, with the interest of his native country very much at heart, first conceived the idea of erecting those light-houses. -And Sir John having, at that time, more friends in the Chamber of Commerce of Edinburgh than any other member, was enabled to stem the current of opposition, and render this important service to navigation.

In January 1788, the following advertisement appeared in the newspapers.

" Trinity House, London, Jan. 26, 1788. "THIS Corporation, ever anxious to render navigation as fafe as possible, and conceiving the prefent mode of lighting our coasts capable of still farther improvement, they have determined to try the effects of fome new-constructed lights, by a comparifon with those now in use, and which will be exhibited in the course of a few days Ff

<sup>\*</sup> I had this account from one of the members then present.

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"The Corporation therefore request the favour of gentlemen, who refide within a circle of thirty miles of that object, to take notice of the appearance and magnitudes of the different lights on the nights when the respective experiments are made, and to favour the Secretary with any observations that may occur on their comparative merits.

" Due notice will be given of the nights

on which the castle will be lighted."

What success has attended these laudable endeavours of the above-mentioned corporation to improve light-houses, I have not been informed: but if the lighthouse at Scilly has been erected fince those experiments were made, some judgment may be formed; for that light is under the direction of the Trinity House.

The Scilly light-house, NAUTICUS informs us, "is also a light of mirrors, but they are of copper, plated with filver, and polished in the curve of the parabola, by which their light neither spreads nor converges, but darts a cylinder of light to a vast distance. This light consists of fix round mirrors, placed round a feventh, each twenty-two inches in diameter; every mirror having an Argand's lamp in its focus, supplied with oil from behind. The frame in which these mirrors are fixed stands perpendicularly to the horizon, on a shaft united with a machine below, that turns the whole round every two Hence, a cylinder of light minutes. five feet and a half diameter sweeps the whole horizon."

Ganganelli fays, in one of his letters, es that it is easy to perceive in reading a book, even a moral one, whether the author be a mathematician or not. And that he was feldom deceived in this observation."

Without possessing the penetration of Ganganelli, I think I may venture to fay, that had Nauticus been possessed of a moderate share of mathematical knowledge, he would not have given us such a description as this.

For those mirrors to reflect parallel rays of light, each must have a lamp no larger than a mathematical point. But, let us suppose for a moment, that those mirrors have this property of darting a cylinder of light to the horizon, which may be about fifteen miles distance; then, as the frame in which the mirrors are fixed turns round once in two minutes, this Will-with awifp at the horizon must travel over more than ninety-four miles in that time, or at the rate of four miles in five seconds; and as this light is only five feet and a half in

diameter, even at the horizon, it would not continue in fight to an eye placed there, much longer than 1000 part of a second. But we are informed, that each mirror in that house has an Argand's lamp fixed in its focus, consequently, from the well-known principles of optics, the rays of light reflected from it must be in a diverging state; and a reflected light, to be useful at sea, must diverge to a certain degree, that the whole furface of the water, between the light-house and the horizon, may be illuminated.

The Scilly light house may, for aught I know to the contrary, be perfect in this respect; but upon the whole it is far from being so good as Nauticus supposes, or so good as might have been expected from the genius of Mr. Adam Walker, affifted by the purse of the Corporation of Trinity House. The use of filver for a reflecting furface is certainly an imperfection of no small consequence. Silver is so much inferior to looking glass for this purpose, that, for philosophers to prefer the former to the latter, appears to me very unaccountable. It is my humble opinion, that there is not a lady in the United Kingdoms who would prefer a filver dish to a looking-glass, when she is inclined to fee a perfect image of her face.

It may be of use to those who may hereafter copy the light-house at Scilly to know, that the figure in which those mirrors are fixed is as good as any other, but not better. Had they been fixed in a square, a parallelogram, or a triangle, their effect would have been just the same, for they would have appeared as one fingle light at a very short distance; nay, had they been placed in a right line, their effect would have been still the same at three miles distance. For, it is known from experiment, that two reflectors, made of tin, placed more than ten feet afunder, appeared at three miles distance as one fingle light, and required to be separated from each other more than nineteen feet to appear two distinct lights, when viewed

at the same distance as before. When it is confidered how great the dangers are to which ships are exposed near the shore, particularly in the dark tempestuous season of the year, and that good light-houses conduce greatly to the fafety of property, and the preservation of the lives of feamen, I hope, that neither Mr. Adam Walker, nor Nauticus will conceive any remarks that I have made upon the light-houses at Scilly, as in the least degree personal.

known to the philosophic world; and as to the latter, he is, if I am not mistaken, a gentleman of great respectability and an ingenious writer, ready to use his pen, either in behalf of his friend, or to enlarge the narrow bounds of human knowledge.

Much more might be faid concerning the present impersections of light-houses, and the necessity of encouraging improve-

ments.

For my own part I am persuaded, that the art of exhibiting lights to be seen at a great distance is still very far from being arrived at the highest degree of persection; it is therefore much to be wished, that the Corporation of Trinity House would direct their attention, once more to this important subject.

Lynn Regis, I am Sir, March 2d, 1802. Your's &c.

E. WALKER.

For the Monthly Magazine.

PRESENT STATE of LITERATURE in RUSSIA.

THE truly-glorious and revivifying Goyernment of Alexander I. promifes new life and vigour to the arts and sciences throughout his immense empire. Incredible, indeed, was the pressure of the rigorous genius-destroying restrictions and prohibitory edicts under the reign of Paul, of the state of whose mind, continually tormented with suspicion, but in other respects endowed with many good qualities, to striking a picture has been drawn by Kotzebue, in The Most Remarkable Year of his Life, of which a Russian translation too has been published. During that inauspicious season, only a few plants fprung up here and there in the garden of Russian literature, chiefly in Petersburg, and for the glorification of imperial institutions. Among these, for instance, may be reckoned the "Kabinet Petra Vehkago;"-or, Cabinet of Peter the Great, written in the Russian language by Joseph Bieliajev, under-librarian to the Academy of Sciences, and splendidly printed in 1800, at the expence of the Academy, in three large quarto volumes. It is intended to be a catalogue of the books, natural curiofities, works of art, medals, pictures, and other treasures which the Academy founded by Peter the Great possesses: but it is to be feared, that this lift itself will swell to a library, if the succeeding parts should be written in the same spirit as the three first. The

first volume contains only the relics of Peter the Great, with five plates, comprehending even the productions of his turning-lathe which are preserved, as is well known, in a separate apartment. The second volume gives some but extremely defective accounts of the Academic Library, in which there are two thousand nine hundred and fixty-four Russian works, (and among them no less than three hundred and five Russian romances!) and one thousand three hundred and fifty manuscripts, (two hundred and thirty-fix of them Chinese, and four hundred and ten relating to the history of Russia). In the third volume, the cabinet of medals is illustrated. It is really astonishing, how many curiofities and exquifite works of art have from every part of Europe been collected in Petersburg, especially under the reign of Catherine II. What treafures of art and literature are to be found only in the Imperial Hermitage! Here, for instance, is the most valuable and complete collection of ancient engraved gems, of which the celebrated collection of the Duke of Orleans composes only a small part. Here the libraries of Voltaire and Diderot are placed, containing their manufcripts, and manuscript-notes on the margins of the books. M. Von Köhler, a German, is the keeper of these treafures; and the antiquarian writings which he has published in the French and German languages, sufficiently prove him to be a proper person for such an office. It is, however, an unfortunate circumstance for the rest of Europe, that it is disficult to learn, what has been swallowed up by these repositories on the banks of the Neva. It is therefore to be lamented, that the splendid Description of the Michaelowitzian Palace has fince the death of Paul been discontinued. From what Kotzebue has faid concerning it in the second volume of the above-named elteemed publication, one may guess, what immense quantities of curiofities it contained. At present only the three large engravings of the external views of the now deferted Palace, are to be obtained at the price of forty rubles. Of Gatschika too, the favourite residence of Paul, and which the new Emperor has prefented to the Empressmother, we have a view in fix large sheets, engraved before the death of the late Emperor, and giving us at least a general idea of the plan of the extensive pleasuregrounds, &c.

There is no longer any doubt, that the new University at Dorpat will be established. This institution has already cost for the

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the nobility of Esthonia and Livonia more than one hundred thousand rubles. Several learned men have been invited and arrived from foreign parts to fill the professional chairs, as, for inflance, Hezel, from Gieffen. Dr. Schlözel, a fon of the celebrated historian in Göttingen, has like. wife been called from the University of Moscow, to Dorpat, and is to receive a falary of one thousand five hundred rubles. From the Emperor, the Military Academy, which has likewife been erected in Dorpat, receives, as might be expected, most favour and support. It is faid, that Major General Klinger, whom Germany honours as one of her most original poets, and who is at present Director of the noble Corps of Cadets, at Petersburg, takes an active part in promoting these plans, and from a man of his intelligence fomething well-digefted may be expected. Full permission is now again granted to visit foreign schools and universities; and in confequence, about seventy Livonians, Esthonians, and Courlanders now profecute their studies at the University of Jena; and a proportionate number at the other

univerfities of Germany. The book-trade, which had been entirely annihilated, has for the most part broken the iron fetters imposed by the licensers: it is indeed a highly beneficial change, that no Tumanskow and other Ruffian zealots, but Germans, are appointed to examine German books. Here however many things still require to be corrected. The new Emperor, notwithstanding his almost incredible activity, cannot at once discover all the abuses and improper applications of some of the laws; nor by an Immenei Ukase open to every innoxious book (as was the case with re-Spect to Kotzebue's Most Remarkable Year) the gate that had been shut against it by the licensers. For Kotzebue's work would not have been permitted to pass, if the Procurator General in Petersburg had not laid a copy before the Emperor himself, and received a particular (immenoi) ukase in its favour. Another great impediment is, that all books must be imported by sea, and that confequently during the winter, when the navigation of the Baltic is interrupted by the ice, no new publications can be procured from abroad. greatest difficulty arises however from this circumstance, that a Russian ukase remains always in full force until it be expressly repealed by another. Hence, some scrupuloufly-timid licensers, though men of enlightened minds, adhere with a ridicu-

lous strictness to the old forms and regulations. Previous to the reign of Paul, the examination and licenfing of books, in the German provinces, was entrusted to the chief magistrates of their respective capitals. But Paul appointed Imperial licensers for that purpose; and the same regulation continues, until altered by a Lieutenant Colorel particular ukafe. Fisoi Richter is licenser in Reval. Under Paul, nothing was permitted to be printed in the large printing-office of that city, except advertisements, playhouse-bills, hymns from the Reval Hymn-book, and the Weekly Newspaper, the articles inferted into which were however subjected to a strict previous examination .- And according to the latest accounts from Reval, the same restrictions still continue to been forced, because no Immenoi Ukase has yet abolished them, although repugnant to the Emperor's intentions. Therefore when it was lately intended to print a very edifying hymn taken from the Augsburg Hymn-book, the Licenser Richter would not permit it; and was at last only prevailed upon to grant his leave, by the applicant's afferting, in a note addressed to him, the untruth, that the hymn was taken from the Reval Hymnbook. A wine-merchant, in Reval, wished to have some tickets printed for the purpole of diftinguishing his different forts of wine. At first the licenser would not grant to any of the French wines the honour of having their names printed: at last however he relented with respect to this point; but still the printing of the words St. Uber's Wine, and of Bishop (a well known drink composed of wine and oranges) was deemed by him quite inadmissible; because St. denotes saintship and ought not to be profaned by being affixed to a wine-bottle; and because Bishop denotes an ecclefiastical dignitary. From these samples, the reader may judge of the rest. No where is greater liberality, evinced than at Petersburg, where M. Adelung, nephew of the celebrated lexicographer, executes the office of licenser in a manner conformable to the wishes of the Emperor.

The HISTORY of ASTRONOMY for the YEAR 1X, (1801) by CITIZEN LA-LANDE.

THE first day of the nineteenth century was remarkable for an important astronomical event, the discovery of a new planet, at Palermo, an ancient town

of Sicily, made by M. Piazzi, the first day of January.\* This planet is not apparently larger than a fixed ftar of the eighth magnitude; the observations which he fent, and which were the refult of forty days diligent investigation, arrived too late for me to follow them up with others of my own; I have therefore been obliged to calculate its orbit by those made by M. Piazzi, Citizen Burckhardt, M. Olbers, M. Bode. M. Piazzi and M. Gauss think that its revolution round the fun is completed in about four years. The following are the elements deduced from the observations and calculations, of Citizen Burckhardt, and M. Gauss :-

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Jan. 1, 1801. Eccentricity of the orbit 0,0364 2, 574 Periodical revolution 4 years 13 centiemes. Elements of the new Planet, according to M. Gauss.

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The difference between these elements, appeared to me, at first, to throw some doubt as to the reality of the discovery; but at the beginning of the present year, it was perfectly verified, and we may now reckon with certainty upon a new planet. +

On the 25th of October, we received M. Piazzi's printed memoir, with his obfervations and calculations. And, as he hoped the luminary would be recognized as a new planet, he modeftly gave it the name of Ceres de Ferdinand, in honor of the

King of Naples, but M. Bode wished it might be called Juno. For my part, I shall call it the Piazzi\*, as I denominated the planet, discovered in the year 1781, the Herschel, after the gentleman who first observed it. Pagan deities have nothing remarkable to interest us, and flattery is pleasing to no one but the person who is the object of it.

In the evening of the 12th of July laft, Citizens Messier, Mechain, and Bouvard, discovered, each by himself, a small comet near the head of the Great Bear, and it appears that it had been feen the preceding night, by Citizen Pons, keeper of the Observatory at Marseilles. The Board of Longitude have presented him 600 francs, which I deposited in the hands of a notary to be given to him who should first discover a comet; three able attronomers at Paris having adjudged him deferving of encouragement.

Jean Louis Pons was born at Peyre. a village of the department of the High Alps, the 24th of December, 1761. He has refided at the Observatory of Marfeilles ever fince the 3d of February 1789: his good conduct, his address and understanding, have rendered him highly respected by the Director of the Observa-The telescope with which he difcovered the comet on the 11th of July, was made by himself, having had for a pattern the one that belongs to the Navigation School in that city, and which was manufactured by Mr. George Adams, of London. The Committee of Longitude have now fent him a better inftru-

This is a new proof of the great utility of the 50,000 stars, which I have given to the science of astronomy, and of the exact politions which my nephew, Citizen Lefrançais Lalande, has determined as belonging to the fixed stars known before. Many of them ferved to afcertain the places of the new comet, which Citizens Messier, Mechain, and Bouvard, have attended to with the utmost assiduity, and its orbit will be completely determined, altho' it was feen but ten days.

Citizen Thuis has fent me feven fets of observations, made from the 12th to the 21st of July, deduced entirely from the azimuths and heights, without having been able to compare them with the fixed We have been more fortunate at itars.

<sup>\*</sup> In this place I make use of the calendar common to all nations; being persuaded that the French government will very foon renounce a mode of reckoning, which is not understood and cannot be adopted by our heighbours, nor even by the generality of the French themselves.

<sup>†</sup> It has lately been feen in every part of Great Britain .- Tranflator.

<sup>\*</sup> In England, it is also generally determined to call it the Piazzi ; just as the other new planet is properly called the Harfebel .-Translator. Paris,

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Paris, and Citizen Mechain has hastily calculated the following elements :-

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This little comet, discovered nearly at the same time by four different persons, proves that the observation of comers is no very difficult talk : three or four have fometimes been feen in the space of a year; and if the friends to this science would engage in the business, it is probable that the number would be rapidly increased. This is what is most wanted in astronomical pursuits; it is mortifying, that, at present, we know not whether we are to reckon comets by hundreds or by thoufands ;-whether they return, or are loft

in the immensity of the universe.

A telescope of very simple construction is only necessary for the discovery of comets, and for affigning their proper places and fituation to aftronomers. A wooden quadrant of two feet radius, which may be made by a common joiner, properly fitted up and divided, is also necesfary; this instrument directed to the place in which a comet is, will instantly shew its height and distance from the meridian at the time of observation. Nothing more is wanted by aftronomers, to find out a comet to which their attention has been By this method, the knowledge of the stars is not necessary for the discovery of correts; but there are a hundred nebulæ, which, in some respects, resemble imail comets: if, therefore, we would diffinguith them, recourse must be had to a celeitial atlas, on which they are all marked : -- one may be had at Paris of Lamarche, rue du Foin. This study will be neither long nor difficult. The Berlin atlas is much more complete, of which we shall speak particularly hereafter.

The telescope made use of by Citizen Meffier, with which he has already discovered twenty comets, is two feet long, with an opening of 21 inches. and three eve giaffes: the focus of that next the eye, is 25 inches and 10 lines opening; the fecond 9, and the third 91 inches. There is a diffance of 10 lines between these two, and five inches between the first and second. times, but the field of vition is four degrees. One of this kind may be had for

about 70 or 80 francs.

Burckhardt has also calculated the orbits

1771, 1773: he found that the orbit of the fecond was an hyperbolic curve.

The comet that Citizen Messier discovered the 14th of June, 1770, upon which Citizen Burckhardt has made long and learned calculations, appears to have had an orbit almost circular, and that its periedical revolution was five years and feven months. Nevertheless this comet has never been feen either before or fince the year 1770, which can only be attributed to some great change having taken place in its orbit.

Must we then confess, after having maintained during the eighteenth century that all comets return after certain periodical revolutions, in the nineteenth, that, excepting the one feen in 1759, they do not revolve. It appears to me, that almost every thing depends on comets. The only thing that I recommend to my correspondents, is to look after, and attend to, comets; the knowledge of comets is that which is alone wanting to complete the science of astronomy.

I had the pleasure of receiving on the 15th of May, the first copy of my Histoire Celeste Française, the result of twelve years labour, which finishes the account of the 50,000 fixed stars, upon which my nephew, Michel Lefrançais, has employed the best part of his youth. I have found also some observations made by d'Agelet, before he set out on his voyage round the world, and those by which Citizen Darquier terminated his glorious astronomical career, at

the age of eighty-three.

The observations of Tycho, Flamstead, Picard, Lacaille, and Maskelyne, have been the foundation on which the whole progress in the science of astronomy has been built; theories the most profound, calculations the most learned, will not furpals them, either in importance or duration. The observations alone will furvive us, and observers, whom, some would frequently attempt to deride, may console themselves; they will be the only astronomers to whom, long after their decease, hymns of praise and gratitude will be offered by our fuccessors, and by posterity.

Lefrançais Lalande, my nephew, has continued his observations and calculations of 3000 declinations, and 1000 right afcenfions, of the principal stars, each one having been the object of his frequent at-This telescope magnifies the object but five tention. These long and difficult lahours have obtained for him a place in the Natio-Madame Lefrançais Lanal Institute. lande has continued the reduction, to their proper places, of the 50,000 fixed stars, of the comets which were seen, in 1763, an immense work, to which she has devoted herself with intrepidity, and which even a flate of pregnancy did not interrupt. Their fon is preparing to succeed them in this honorable employment, and already has made some calculations with success; Itrust that Isaac Lalande will be the third aftronomer of his name.

Citizen Delambre has taken a great many declinations with a multiplying circle. Piazzi announces a catalogue of 7000 stars, which he has observed at Palermo; and Citizen Cagnoli is preparing another of 500 ftars, observed with very particu-

lar attention at Paris and Verona.

Citizen Vidal, whose intrepidity and accuracy I have frequently celebrated, has fent me the feries of stars in the fouthern hemisphere, which cannot be well seen at Paris, and of those in the polar regions which are wholly invisible to us, also a very fingular triduum. On the 23d of April and some following days, he saw all the planets at the same time. He has added some observations respecting Mercury and the fun, in the two folftices; and with an ingenious magnet, he has made a great number of observations on the declination of the needle.

M. Burg, astronomer at Vienna, who has obtained the prize offered by the Institute on the inequalities of the moon's motions, continues to be employed on the lame lubject. He has re-calculated with three thousand observations the twentyfour inequalities of the moon's motions, and has added forme new things which had been suggested by Citizen Laplace. These tables came to hand on the eighth of December, the errors will not amount to 15", and the prize of three thousand francs, proposed by the Committee of Longitude to the person who should first construct a set of good tables of the moon, will be well merited by this able and indefatigable astronomer. The Committee is full engaged in verifying them : but all the observations made at Gotha, a little time fince, confirm the fidelity of these tables. For it was at the Observatory of Gotha, the astronomical sanctuary of Germany, that M. Burg finished his work. He was invited thither by Baron de Zach, because he might command every thing that could facilitate his labours.

What remains to be done to complete the theory of the moon depends, perhaps, in some measure, on the employment of superior powers in calculating the eccentricities and forces: on this Citizen Burck-

hardt is actually engaged.

Some Arabian observations, taken in the tenth century, are now applied to the

moon's motions. The manuscript which I fortunately recovered from the papers of Joseph Delisse, made me anxious to see the original, which was deposited at Leyden, and with a fight of which the Minifter of the Batavian Republic has favoured Citizen Cauffin has examined this manuscript: it is not complete: it only contains observations already known. There are no instructions in it by which we might afcertain the nature of the instruments made use of by the Arabs, or their modes of observation; but it furnishes us with some interesting corrections to the copy in our possession, and which has been actually printed in the Arabic and French languages, at the press belonging to the Republic, by command of the Minister of the Interior.

The observations taken at the summer solflice have determined the obliquity of the ecliptic to be 23 928 62", which is 5" more than I had made it in my Tables. Multiplying circles enable us to ascertain this to the exactness of a second, and I now feel confident, that the diminution about which there have been so many disputes is equal to 33" in a century, which is very far from that which was affigned to it by Caffini, in consequence of inaccurate observa-

tions taken by bad instruments.

The winter solftice gives us the obliquity at 8" less: this is probably owing to the refraction, which is not sufficiently known for small heights. Although the obliquity of the ecliptic be so nearly decided, yet the Berlin Academy has proposed the variation as the prize-subject for the year 1802. The advertisement states, that there will be expected researches the most interesting, and explanations the most important, upon a subject, on which there still remain many difficulties to refolve, relative to the variation of

the obliquity of the ecliptic.

All the planets have, in the course of the present year, been eclipsed by the moon, as was noticed by M. Reggio in the Milan Ephemeris, which rarely happens. We had not a good view of any of them, except the eclipse of Venus on the 13th of May. But we were well indemnified by the eclipses of the beautiful star in the ear of corn in the Virgin's hand, which were feen in feveral places on the 30th of March and the 24th of May, and which were made use of to verify the iongitudes of many countries. The ecliples of four stars of the first magnitude are the most important of all others for these kinds of decisions.

I have diligently continued the task

which I imposed on myself forty years ago, of calculating all the eclipses of the fun and stars, which have been observed; and from which aftronomers, till that time, had neglected to draw any conclusions, on account of the length of the calculations. I have corrected the longitudes of Rome, Middleburg, and the new city of Washington in America.

M. Leduc, of Sermonetta, Gaetani, and M. Conti have favoured me with obfervations from Rome. M. Ciccolini hasfent some from Florence; and the very day that the King of Etruria came to the Inflitute, I had the pleasure of presenting him with an accurate determination of the longitude of Florence, which had never been accurately afcertained, notwithflanding the celebraty of that capital, and the great number of distinguished characters

it has produced. M. Kautsch, at Leutomischel, in Bohemia, has completed an immense work on the eclipses of the fun. He has calculated them for the whole nineteenth century, with diagrams by which may be feen the particular circumstances under which they will appear in all countries where they are visible, in the same manner as has been done in our Ephemeris, from the year 1750 to 1800, and in the Connoissance des Temps, by the affiduity of Citizen Duvancel. I should have rejoiced to have had the means of publishing this work of M. Kautich, whose zeal and abilities claim our highest praise.

Citizen Goudin, who has also publish. ed an analytical method of calculating eclipses, has applied it to the eclipse of 1847, which will be the most considerable that can happen during this century. His calculations are very much detailed, and are applied to the whole furface of the earth.

The conjunctions of the planets among themselves do not interest astronomers; but they are somtimes attended to by the public, especially when connected with other events. Thus Citizen Meffier has thought it worth his while to remark, that the cannon announced the happy return of peace, by the figning of the preliminaries, on the 3d of October, when the Moon, Venus, Jupiter, and Saturn were near the beautiful star in the Lion's Heart.

We are no longer under the influence of circumstances any importance; but, in owing to the length of the calculations. the year 1186, aftronomers foretold terri-

junction of all the planets. I engaged Citizen Flaugergues to calculate exactly when this happened by our new tables, and he found that, on the 15th of September at two minutes after nve, all the planets were between fix figns, and fix figns and ten degrees of longitude.

These conjunctions of all the planets are not very accurate; but those which should be perfectly exact would be incalculable. I have afcertained that the interval between two conjunctions of this nature, on the fame day, would be more than seventeen thousand millions of millions of years. What would be the space of time, if the accuracy were determined to hours and minutes?

The tables relating to the planet Mars have hitherto been less accurate than those belonging to the other planets. Citizen Lefrançais has been engaged in this bufine's during the last fix months; he has calculated all the observations; he has carried his accuracy to tenths of feconds; and he has, at length, prepared a fet of tables for Mars which will leave but little to be defired, and which will appear in the Connoissance des Temps, for the Year 1804. I have feen with much pleafure my immediate fuccessor and highly esteemed pupil purfuing the work which Citizen Lemonnier, my master, engaged me to undertake fifty years ago, in conformity to the example of Tycho Brahe, who began his researches on the planet Mars, and who put Kepler into the way of his discoveries by means of the fame planet. He is going to undertake tables for the planet Venus, with a view of keeping an account of its irregularities.

As for Saturn, an error of + 1" has been found in its longitude, & - 9" in Citizen Delambre has made latitude. many attempts to get rid of the error of 30" in the tables of Jupiter; but it was found extended to the observations made fixty years ago. Thus it will be necessary to feek the causes of it, in the theory, and

in certain new inequalities.

Citizen Bouvard has finished the calculations of the disturbing forces of the planets, each as acted upon by all the others, according to the theory of Citizen Laplace; from these tables we may expect the greatest accuracy. Citizen Burckhardt has made an analytical and nomerical calculation of the limits of the fifth oropinions which attach to these kind of der, of which no account had been kept,

Citizen Chabrole has calculated some ble revolutions, in confequence of the con- observations of the sun; and finds that

7" are to be deducted from the longitudes given by our tables. But Citizen Delambre has undertaken to calculate seven or eight hundred of Bradley's observations, by applying to them eight or ten new equations furnished by calculations of the attraction. The eccentricity of Jupiter and the earth give equations for the sun which go to eight or 9". Thus we shall soon have new tables of the sun, still more accurate than those of Delambre, to which it had been supposed that nothing could be added.

As to Mercury, the error of my tables is not greater than 10"; from some obfervations on Venus made the 24th of May, the error of the tables appears to be
equal to + 30", which indicates that 12"
must be taken from the epoch, but that
the equation of the orbit is right.

The Connoissance des Temps, for the Year 1804, which will shortly be published, contains every thing that the purfuit of aftronomy has yielded for the last year:-fome curious inveltigations relating to the theory of the moon, by Laplace; new tables of Mars, by Lefrançais Lalande; a new catalogue of stars, making their number 11,800, a feries of which are to be found in the preceding volumes; observations, tables, and important calculations, by Mechain, Delambre, Chabrol, Vidal, Thulis, Flaugergues, Ciccolini, Duc Lachapelle, Burckhardt, Bernier, Humbolt, Quenot, and myself, together with notices of the most celebrated works which were published during the year.

The Ephemeris of Vienna, for 1802, contains a fourth series of determinations of longitude, by M. Triesnecker, who calculated all the eclipses of the sun and stars which have been observed, a considerable and important labour which he continues to perform. M. Triesnecker has given us, at the same time, a table of all the former results for the position of the towns in which eclipses have been observed.

The third volume of the Memoirs of the Institute; the eighth of the Memoirs of the Italian Society; the Ephemeris of Berlin, for 1803 and 1804; those of Milan, for 1801; and Baron Zach's Journal for the whole year, have continued to furnish new and interesting observations. M. De Zach has procured the observations that Liesganig made at Vienna, between the years 1755 and 1774, and those which were taken by Niebuhr in the Levant in 1761, and which have never been published. We have received the Memoirs Monthly Mag, No. 85.

of the Academy of Berlin, for 1796 and 1797; and the fixth volume of the Memoirs of Turin; but it contains no aftro-

nomical subjects.

The observatory at Paris having obtained new instruments, has been put into a state of activity by Citizens Mechain and Bouvard; and the Board of Longitude is engaged in deviling means to print the Observations of 1801, in the same form as those at Greenwich. Caroché having finished a telescope twenty-two feet long, Citizen Tremel is engaged in the construc. tion of proper machinery for mounting it, and by which it may be readily used. We have reason to rejoice, on all occasions, at the happiness of having for a Minister a person so learned and celebrated, who loses no opportunity of rendering himself uleful to the sciences.

The telescope which Joseph Delisse fixed at the Hotel de Cluny, in the year 1748, with which I made my first observations, as well as Citizen Messier, was become absolutely useless through rust. The Committee of Longitude have ordered it to be completely repaired and put in proper order, so that our colleague Citizen Messier will have new assistance in his use-

ful observations.

Citizen Lenoir has shewn at Paris in the public account for the year 1801, that French industry no longer yields to that of the English: he has received from the hands of Government one of twelve gold medals which have been distributed to our most deserving artists.

Citizen Jecker has established a shop with forty workmen for optical and astronomical instruments, assisted by Citizen Michel, one of the ablest artists of Paris.

The Committee of Longitude has fent a quadrant to Citizen Flaugergues, at Vivier, and one to Citizen Dangos, at Tarbe, to enable them to make correct and accurate observations. The former has already made use of his for ascertaining the latitude of his observatory, which he finds to be 44° 29' 22", greater by 18" than was determined by means of triangles, formerly applied for this purpose. He has most affiduously attended to the ecliples of Jupiter's fatellites—he has observed the spots on the sun's surface, of which there have been many during the year-and he has calculated the places of feveral stars.

Citizen Chabrol has given us part of a new analytical method for eclipses, with which he has calculated many: he has also verified the tables of Mars and Mercury by the observations of this year. He

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has reduced to order 600 observations of the stars, and calculated the 600 longitudes of the fundamental catalogue; in short, he presents to us a coadjutor, young, unaffected, zealous, inquisitivewithout ambition, without false pretentions, without felf-interest, and who lays

claim to all our gratitude.

Citizen Mongin, rector of Grande-Combedes Bois, among the mountains of the department of Doubs, has fent us a large table of the precessions, that is to say, of the annual changes in the right ascension of ftars, according to the plans with which I supplied him. It is now thirty years fince we have received from this worthy pastor distinguished tokens of zeal, application, curiofity and courage, which are rarely to be found, especially in the

M. Maskelyne has sent his observations for the year 1800, the sequel of a precious collection which he has supplied thirty-fix years, and he announces for speedy publication the Nautical Almanac for the Year 1806.

M. Bode, of Berlin, has published the last Part of his Grand Celestial Atlas, in twenty flieets; which contains all the ancient constellations, and many new ones, as well as feveral thousand stars, with which I supplied him; an immense labour of which astronomers stood in great need. This beautiful work may be had at the College of France.

On the 27th of September, the Republic of Switzerland adopted the French meafures. This is the first instance of a European state having felt the importance of that universal standard, which would be for the advantage of all civilized countries

if it were generally adopted.

M. Guglielmini, at Bologna, has made three new experiments on the fall of bodies, with a view of demonstrating the earth's rotatory motion. He has discovered a little deviation to the fouth, though the theory does not give it; but the deviation to the west, is what it ought to be. At Hamburgh, preparations are also made for fimilar experiments, from the tower of Saint Michael, three hundred and twentyfix feet high.

The Observatory of Cadiz has furhas of late been neglected. General Maz- sciences. zarado has built a new ore in the Ile de-

Maximo-Lariva Aguero, Julian Canela, and Joseph Cuesta. A Nautical Almanac has also been published for the last ten years in Spain ; I trust, that maritime business, and astronomy will profit by it. A telescope twenty-five feet long, made under the direction of Dr. Herschell for Spain, will be fent in the month of Janua. ry, and Citizen Dupont will go to mount

M. Travaffos, Secretary of the Acade. my of Lifbon, has fent me the observations made by M. Ciera, which confirm the longitude of that city; the Nautical Ephemeris, to the year 1803, and other different works of the Portuguese Academy, of which we had no knowledge, and which the National Institute have received with great pleasure: we are indebted to M. le Chevalier d'Aranjo for this transaction.

Aftronomy has long drooped in the Batavian Republic. M. Fokker has now established, at his own expence, an obtervatory with proper instruments at Middelburg, and has fent us a variety of observations made from the year 1797, to the year 1801. M. Fokker, in the revolution of 1795, was Member of the Committee of Public Safety. He is now engaged in the finances of Zealand, but he devotes all his leifure time to aftronomy, and has ient me many interesting observations.

In Germany, aftronomy continues to be in a state of great activity. The journey of M. Le Baron de Zach, from Bremen to Lilienthal, has excited new zeal: the Society which was formed for inveltigating the heavens, continues to be engaged in this business; and I have reason to hope that, in the approaching lummer, I thall fee an aftronomical Congress afsembled in Germany, as was the case in 1798. In the midst of the horrors of war, the French have displayed their zeal for the science of aftronomy. When General Moreau was at Cremsmünster, he fixed a notice upon the celebrated observatory at that place, declaring that whoever should injure this fanctuary of icience would incur the penalty of death :the observatory was preserved, as well as the convent of Benedictins. It is flatter. nished us, for some years past, with a ing to the French nation, to have Geneferies of important observations. But it rals so distinguished for their love of the

The Academy of Petersburg has Leon, to which he has appointed four fought for an observer : but Burg and aftronomers, who have refided there thefe Wurm have been retained by their own two years; Messrs. Rodrigo Armesto, Sovereigns, and that fine observatory is fill useles, notwithstanding the great number of excellent instruments contained

Citizen Henry has had the satisfaction of putting in order Bird's grand mural instrument, and of making some observa-

tions with it.

The want of regularity in the degrees of the earth, according to the present measures, led to a suspicion, that there was an error in that of Lapland, taken in 1736. M. Melanderhielm has obtained for the King of Sweden a new mea. In the month of April M. M. Oswerbom and Swamberg set out for Tornea. They erected fignals, and built fmall observatories. As soon as the river shall be frozen, they will measure the base by rules fent out by the Institute: a multiplying circle made at Paris by Citizen Lenoir will serve in the spring to measure the angles, and we shall have, next summer, a solution of this difficulty.

M. de Mendoza, a Spanish officer, has published two large collections of tables; one at Madrid in the year 1800, Coleccion de Tablas; and one at London, in the month of April, 1801, in which are tables for the reduction of distances by the addition of five natural numbers: he has made a new use of versed sines, by which numerical operations are rendered shorter and easier. These Tables consist of sour hundred and seven pages in quarto.

Mr. Garrard, in England, has also published Tables in thirteen pages only, but his method his neither so short, nor so accurate.

Mr. Vince, an able English astronomer, has published the second volume of A

Large Treatife on Astronomy.

The Stereotype Tables of Logarithms, which were published by Firmin and Didot in 1795, have been recently corrected. M. Vega, who has printed in Germany the largest collection that we have, has examined the French tables, and has difcovered and fent an account of many errors, which we are going to correct. Thele will probably be the last, and then we may reckon upon a fet of faultless tables, which will be of great advantage to perfons engaged in calculations, and who sometimes lose whole mornings in 1epeating operations which do not agree, on account of an error in a fingle figure.

But as small and portable tables are found very useful to most persons, I am printing some in the stereotype; many people are engaged in correcting them, and I shall be able, in three months, to give to all persons conversant with figures, the most

accurate, convenient, and elegant edition that has been yet seen.

Citizen Verniquet has finished an engraving of his grand plan of Paris, in seventy two sheets, on a scale of half a line to a French toise. The accuracy of this work very much surpasses every thing of the kind.

It is long fince, that attempts have been made to construct a lunar globe, which should represent all the mountains and volcanoes on its surface. Mr. Russel, of London, has accomplished this object. His lunar globe is well finished, and expresses all the circumstances attending the moon's libration; it exhibits it to us, as it would appear in the different positions of the earth and moon, as well as the variations of the equator and orbit.

M. Philippides, born at Mount Pelion, in Thessaly, who studied astronomy at a French college in 1794, and who is now in Moldavia, proposes to publish in the Greek language my Abrégé d'Astronomie. He has already published different works, with a desire of propagating knowledge in

his own country.

The two last volumes of Montucla's Histoire des Mathematiques are three-fourths finished. In these will be found the history of astronomy, of optics, and of navigation; to which I have been obliged to add a great deal, on account of the premature death of the Learned Historian.

M. de Murr, at Nuremberg, who is in possession of the manuscripts that belonged to Regiomontanus, the first restorer of the science of astronomy before the year 1500, has had a page engraved exactly conformable to the character of the manuscript: he offers to part with them for two thousand four hundred francs. These would be a great treasure to a large library.

The Astronomical Poems of Ricard, Lemiere, Fontanes, have shewn how well adapted a view of the heavens is to excite poetical raptures. Citizen Cudin has also given a Poem to the world, which contains both a history of astronomy, and a description of the heavens, with as much

Geography has likewise made some progress this year. Tranchot has constructed a map of sour departments united, on the scale of a line to one hundred toiles: they include the country between the Adige, and the Adda, Piedmont, Suabia, and Switzerland. The Minister of War has given the details in the Moniteur of the 14th of August.

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Citizen Henry, who was invited to Munich for the purpose of constructing a map of Bavaria, writes, that the topographical part is very far advanced: they have measured a base of twenty-one thoufand fix hundred and forty-nine metres, or eleven thousand one hundred and eight toises, the longest that has ever yet been taken.

The great triangles about the city have already been inclosed, the fides of which are from fifteen to twenty leagues in length. He has made several horizontal circuits, with aftonishing precision. The last was composed of fix angles, the fum of which, when added together, exceeded the three hundred and fixty degrees by only eight tenths of a fecond, notwithstanding his instrument was not very excellent. To supply as much as possible what is wanting in perfect accuracy, the number of observations is increased, always to fifteen, fometimes to twenty. The triangles, which Citizen Cassini took about the environs of Munich, were ill-chosen, and the measurement of them not very exact. Without making use of his triangles, Henry has already arranged a feries of fourteen triangles, the measure of which will give an arc of the meridian nather larger than a degree: he hopes he shall be able to increase this arc, which will then pass within a small distance of Ingolfladt, by which the polition of one part of Germany will be completely afcertained. The travels of M. le Baron de Zach, and many of his co-adjutors, have very confiderably advanced the geography of Germany. Colonel le Cocq has continued his map of Wettphalia.

M. le Baron de Ende has published a volume containing the determination of many places of Lower Saxony, with obser-

vations and calculations.

The geography of distant countries exeites also new activity. Captain Baudin, whole voyage, for the purpole of new difcoveries, I have announced, left the Canary Islands on the twenty-fourth of November, and he let fail from the Isle of France on the twenty fecond of March. There is reason to hope, that he has already made some interesting discoveries in New Holland, the only part of the world which is almost unknown to us. Bernier, the aftronomer, who is with him, endowed in a high degree with understanding and perseverance, will accomplish all our expellations. In the month of June, the ione English ships, viz. the Investigator, the course of this year.

Seas; and to the Lady Nelfon, command. ed by Lieutenant Grant, which will accompany the former, in his refearches along the coast of New South Wales.

Citizen Deguines, arrived from China, where he had been from 1784 to 1797, will probably afford some new light on that fine part of the world, when he shall

publish the journal of his voyage.

Baron Humboldt, a physician, estimable for his zeal and knowledge, is gone to South America, where he has travelled one thousand three hundred leagues, in deferts furrounded with frightful dangers, in order to ascertain the geography, and, at the same time, the natural and physical history of those countries, which are unknown to us.

M. Deferrer has fent me observations which give the position of Natchez, in Louisiana; and of Guaira, in South America: the latitude of the former is 31° 31' 48", its difference in longitude is 6h. 15' 21", and that of the latter is 10° 36' 40" N. and 4h 37' 11".

Citizen Nouet has fent from Egypt an almanac calculated for that country, and the fituation of feveral of the cities even in Upper Egypt, notwithstanding the dangers and inconceivable fatigue to which the climate of the country exposes those who are engaged in operations of this kind. The degree is equal to 56,880 toiles, the Egyptian furlong is 711 feet, the cubit 21.33 inches; the Greek furlong is 487.543 feet, and the cubit 19.5017 inches; in fhort, he has related the refult of his own labours, accompanied by young Isaac Mechain, son of one of our ablest aftronomers, who has been the companion and coadjutor of Nouet in Egypt. Citizen Fourrier has given us an account of some zodaical defigns found in Upper Egypt, which prove the high antiquity of the science of astronomy, and shew that the arrangement of the stars into constellations goes back fourteen thousand years, according to the opinion of Dupuis.

Citizen Marquis has fent to the Board of Longitude the observations and manufcripts of P. Barlet, Jesuit, at Nancy, where these interesting writings were de-

polited.

I must say something on the subject of meteorology. Citizen Lamarck has pub-lished an Annuaire Meteorologique, in which he gives an account of a vast number of observations, and indicates what French Gavernment granted pail-ports to variety in the featons may be expected in The minister of Captain Flinders, which was fitting out the interior has established a meteorological for a veyage of discovery in the South correspondence in order to multiply obfervations. fervations of this kind, and Citizen Lamarck, who has urged on this establishment, will turn it to the advancement of a science, which is but in its infancy.

Citizen Burckhardt has also performed a long and curious work on meteorology. He has examined fifteen thousand barometrical observations, in order to calculate the influence of the winds, and he finds that the south wind gives for a mean height 27 in. 11.3 l, while an east wind raises the mercury to 28 in. 1.9 l. He has also found that its height on the borders of the Mediterranean was 28 in. 2.2 l. and on those of the Ocean 28 in. 2.8 l.

Well-constructed vanes are very rare at Paris; there is none on the Observatory, although I repeatedly wished for one when I was the director of that institution; in the name of the observers, I acknowledged the gratitude due to Citizen Bois, a tinman, who, having built a house on the Quay of the Augustins, fixed upon it a very lofty and excellent weather cock, with letters indicating the cardinal points. Altronomers, as they go to the Institute, or to the Board of Longitude, will have an opportunity of observing the direction of the wind, as well as the inhabitants of that valt quay, the Louvre, and the furrounding houses, who had not a fingle vane within the limits of their observa-

On the 3d of November, there was in the Baltic a terrible hurricane, which destroyed many ships, and which was even felt at Breft. On the 7th, there was in Provence a storm, which produced in height more than fix inches of rain, in two hours and a half, the wind being S. S. E. It occasioned extreme havock at Marseilles and its environs, and many persons were killed, and the damages sustained amounted to several millions. Citizen Thulis has found the accounts of the storm of the 12th of July, 1748: of that of the 4th of September, 1764; and of one on the 15th of September, 1772; but nobody has an idea of any one like that experienced this

The class of physical and mathematical sciences at the Institute elected three astronomers, who had been presented by the general meeting for the place of an associate, vacant by the death of Citizen St. Jacques. These were citizens Vidal, Sepmanville, and Bernard.

The first is a man of deep research; he has, as far as we know, made more observations on the planet Mercury alone, than all the astronomers in the universe for these 2200 years. The section for

astronomy had presented also Citizens Chabrol, Pictet of Geneva, and Quenot. I had even made out a lift of aftronomers known in France, which contains Citizen Henry returning from Petersburg, Nouet and Beauchamp, who were coming from the Levant; Deratte and Poitevin, at Montpelier; Bernier and Bissy, who are gone out with Captain Baudin; Chevalier, engaged in foreign correspondence; Kramp, at Cologne; Duvancel, at Evreux; Guerin, at Amboise; Mongin, at Grand-Combe-des bois; Maingon and Lancelin, at Broft Jacotot, at Dijon; Blanpain and Degrand, at Marfeilles: if to these we add the fix astronomers affociated with the Institute, we shall see that this science, the most unprofitable and neglected, still finds many friends in France. As foon as the happy event of peace encouraged the hopes of men devoted to literature, I took advantage of the propitious moment by foliciting communications from all parts, fo that astronomy might profit by peace.

The academy of Petersburg afforded me a small gratification in what it has been accustomed to send for these thirty years past, to promote the advancement of astronomy, and the Emperor of Russia has approved the wishes of the academy in this

respect.

The King of Etruria has promifed to encourage the pursuit and study of astronomy at Florence. There are already several fine instruments in his observatory, and M. Fabroni assures me, that an observer shall be appointed to it; he requests that one of my pupils might be sent, and on this account I exceedingly regret that I have not a greater number of them.

General Jourdan has led me to hope, that the observatory at Turin would be put into order; and Citizen Vassalli, President of the Academy, has excited the same ex-

pectation.

The Minister of Marine has given orders for new observations to be made at Brest on the tides, of which I stand in need to complete a Treatise on the Ebbing and Flowing of the Sea, that I have printed in confirmation of Citizen La Place's beautiful theory, contained in his Mecanique Celeste, and in order to ascertain the influence of the wind on the tides.

We have requested of the Chief Consulto procure from Spain two thousand pounds of platina, in order that we may make a telescope of thirty-fix feet, and we have reason to expect that our request will be complied with. Our telescope will then perhaps surpass that belonging to Dr. Herschel.

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At Paris, the observatory has acquired Citizen Agoustene. The Minister of the Interior, Citizen Chaptal, has consented that the committee of longitude should increase its expences for this new object; and I have made a considerable acquisition in Citizen Giroult, whose youth and assiduity afford me new succours, and leave me no other regrets, than that I am not able to procure a greater number of such

perfons.

We have mentioned in the History of 1800, the loss which astronomy sustained on the 5th of November, in the death of Ramsden: to him we have been indebted these twenty years for the best and largest instruments, for telescopes the most perfect, and for projects the most ingenious. Troughton is now the most celebrated artist in England, and he is preparing to indemnity us for this loss. He has already made many very excellent instruments, and Citizen Pictet, of Geneva, has lately given some account of them.

We lost, on the 10th of February, Citizen St. Jacques de Sylvabelle, Director of the Observatory of Marseilles, who was distinguished for his learned investigations, as may be seen in the Philosophical Transactions; he attained the age of 79, and was busily employed to the last. An account of this able man appeared in the Journal of the Lyceum for his depart-

ment.

aftronomy.

His place has been filled by Citizen Thulis, who was a long time Affistant-director of the Observatory. This was he who had for proselytes and pupils Citizens Planpain and Degrand; but these have both left us, to the great detriment of

In December, 1800, Matteuci died at Bologna: to him we are indebted for the latter volumes of the Ephemerides de Bologne, which are carried down to 1810. Citizens Ciccolini and Guglielmini, who have taken his place, promife new activity in that observatory, to which Mansredi, Zanotti, and Matteuci, have given celebrity for nearly a century.

Chaligni died at Madrid: he has been long known for observations and calculations, which have been of great service to

the science of astronomy.

M. Chevalier, who made capital observations at Lisbon and Bruffels, died at

Prague.

On the 8th of October, Gabriel de Bory died at Paris, aged 81 years: in 1751, he made a voyage to Spain, and in 1753, another to Portugal and the island of Madeira, to determine their situation. His

observations are given in the Memoirs of 1758, p. 270, and of 1772, fecond part. He gave, in the Memoirs of 1770, a Description of a Portable Observatory: and. in the third volume of Savants Etrangers, may be found the Observations which he made on Mercury's Transit over the Disk of the Sun. Since 1751, he has published a Description of a Sea-octant by Reflection; he spread a taste for observations in the royal marine: as chief of a squadron, and governor of the Windward Islands, he had the means of contributing to excite emulation, and he always employed them. In 1765, he was named a free-affociate of the Academy of Sciences, and in 1798, he was elected a member of the Institute.

But the greatest lost which astronomy has sustained this year was in the death of Joseph de Beauchamp. He was born at Vezoul, June 29, 1752. His observations at Bagdad, in Persia, and on the Black Sea, were as difficult for him to make, as they were important for us to be in possession of. He went out in 1796, as conful, from France to Mascate, in Arabia, and he wrote to me as he was departing: "you will remember my attachment to you and to astronomy;" indeed, he quitted with regret a country and family which he cherished, and may be considered as a martyr to the science that he loved. He left Constantinople the 25th of September; we were expecting him with the most eager impatience, when scarcely had he reached the coast of Provence, before he fell a victim to that disorder of which he had not been perfectly cured; he died at Nice, November 19, 1801. Eight days before his death, the fection of astronomy had appointed him to the vacant place in the Institute. I published an account of his labours in the Moniteur of the 15th of December, and in the last volume of this journal.

To the Editor of the Monthly Magazine.

I WAS glad to see the accounts published in your Magazine for January of the appearance of the bottom of the crater of Mount Vesuvius, because it confirms what has long been my opinion, that there is nothing to be found there of the least importance; for, as to "primordial substances unaltered by fire," which these gentlemen say this mountain alone produces, it will be difficult to give them credit for things which they neither name nor brought away; and, if they mean stones worn smooth by incessant sriction, we have

found abundance of those on the outside of the crater at all times, the cause of which I have witneffed for hours together in the year 1784, when every two minutes a prodigious collection of them, some of not less than a ton weight, as I should guess, were regularly impelled near one hundred feet into the air, and as regularly fell again, attended with a noise much refembling distant thunder. Why these French gentlemen should in these times, when every body that has been at Naples knows that there is no fort of danger in the thing, choose to give such a terrific account of their personal risks, I cannot conceive; but I can affure you, that there is none whatever, except in the superstitious imagination of the stupid Lazzaroni, and one of them, I fee, had the honour to be the first to venture down-for, when I afcended the inner crater, with a gentleman of Ireland, in March, 1784, had it not then been in the state I have just described, and the bottom enveloped in thick fulphurous clouds, we should have made no scruple to go as low as we could, and I actually did descend till the wind blew the vapour across me, and compelled my return, which, so far from being barmless, I then found nearly as suffocating as the smoke of brimftone. As to the descent, it was exactly the same angle with the ascent, as it must naturally be, having been composed by showers of cinders falling like the fands of an hour-glass, and equally fmooth every where; so that you, or any one, must be convinced, that if it was not difficult to ascend the outside, there could be none in descending inwards : in fact, we were about half-leg deep when we went in it with haste (not knee-deep, as they talk of ), but, if we proceeded flowly, not much over the ancles; the stones, indeed, that were not well bedded, having been recently cast over, were treacherous supports, but they only excited the laughter of our friends, who did not choose to come up, when sometimes they conveyed us a few feet forward before they again stopped. And, instead of the sides being perpendicular, as these gentlemen are pleased to describe them, we found them to only make an angle of about fifty degrees at most. These eminences, which are so terribly described, as crumbling down, and spots on which they had stood as disappearing, we faw: and they were nothing but fragments of other and older cones that, being probably wet, had adhered like brackets to the fides of that on which we flood-my friend ventured on one of them very imprudently, confidering the then flate

of the volcano, because, if he had been carried far down by the giving wayof its base, he might have got into the denfe vapour, and been overcome by it, and got into the vortex of the explosion, and received a blow from the falling materials which it threw up; but, had the crater been years in cooling, (as was the state of it when these late travellers went down) there would have been no danger, and it would have only acted as a car to facilitate his descent agreeably, for the materials being foft and light, we often fell and flid far without the smallest injury. What these gentlemen had done to be so covered with ashes and smoke, I cannot conjecture: for, you may depend upon it, and you know me, that there is nothing to dirt one in any degree that may not be brushed off with the hand in these dry ashes, and the smoke is only a vapour that foils nothing. There are many other parts of this account, which so evidently contradict themselves, that I can only attribute them to errors of the translator, fuch as the difficulty of returning, with their second descent, &c. &c. But as correct information is, and ever ought to be, the object of your Magazine, I fend you this by way of antidote to those fears which fuch an account might excite in the breaft of future travellers, becoming the means of depriving timid people from partaking of one of the most agreeable parties of pleasure (independent of a little fatigue), that the tour of Naples affords, and one of the sublimest fights in the world. Being, Sir, your's, &c.

P. S. The substances we collected, which were recently struck off during the descent of the stones, were evidently much acted on by the fire, and both hot and wet with saltwater. I staid long enough to make three drawings—of the crater, sols, and inner crater.

For the Monthly Magazine.

A DESCRIPTION and HISTORICAL AC-COUNT of the ANCIENT CASTLE of DUNNOTTER.

ON the eastern coast of Scotland, at the distance of two miles from Stonhaven, the county town of Kincardine-shire, stand the ruins of the Castle of Dunnotter. This place, which was formerly almost impregnable, and made a very considerable figure in the rude wars of former ages, still presents an interesting appearance to the eye of the traveller. The losty and abrupt rock on which it stands is almost surrounded by the sea; and the narrow passage which forms its only con-

nection with the land, was formerly interfeeted by a ditch, rendering the fortrefs accessible only by means of a draw-bridge. The large piles of rude but massy stonework that form the gateway, the remains of spacious halls, and large vaulted apartments, the arches of which are still entire, give a high idea of its former strength and grandeur. Its principal weakness in time of war arose from the precarious supply of fresh water, which could only be procured from the high grounds that lay without the walls of the fortreis. The garrison were, however, in part supplied by a spring, which is concealed in one of the Though the rock is almost entirely furrounded by the fea, and feparated by a deep hollow space from the land, this fpring is not too brackish to be drank of; and tradition fays that it often enabled the garrifon to hold out a confiderable time after their fupplies of fresh water were exhausted. In the court-yard of the castle there is a large baion constructed of stone, which ferved as a refervoir to hold the water introduced by pipes, and also collected the rain-water occasionally. The country people still retain a variety of traditions respecting the attacks and defences of this fortress, which was the strongest on the eastern coast of Scotland, and lay direelly in the way of any enemy that was penetrating into the northern parts of the island. The ease with which troops and provisions were introduced into it by fea, rendered it difficult to reduce it by famine; and its inaccessible rocks and lofty walls, made it capable, in those ages when cannon were unknown, of eafily baffling any attempt to take it by force. During the numerous civil wars of Scotland, the frequent affaults it underwent are a proof of how much importance it was reckoned by the contending parties. While the nation was defolated by the ruinous conteffs between Bruce and Baliol, this fortress fell into the hands of Edward; and was afterwards laid fiege to by the intrepid hero Sir William Wallace, after he had expelled that ambitious prince from Scotland. A window on the north fide is fill known by the name of Wallace's Window; and tradition reports, that this hero, after feveral fruitlets affaults, at length ventured alone and unattended to approach the Cattle by night. Concealed by the darkness, he made his way unperceived entering the fortrels by this passage, gain-

entrance to a band of his followers, whom he had stationed at a small distance. He now fell upon the furprised and unprepared garrison, and without difficulty made himfelf master of the fortress. The last and most memorable defence made by Dunnot. ter was during the civil wars of Charles I. under the command of Sir David Ogilvie, of Barras, a gentleman whose estates lay in the neighbourhood. The supposed impregnability of this fortress made it be pitched upon by the royalists as a secure place to lodge the regalia of Scotland; and the staunch and approved loyalty of the governor they relied on with the completest confidence. On Cromwell's coming to Scotland, a party of his army was detached to beliege Dunnotter, which for a confiderable time repulied every attack with the most obstinate resolution. length, however, the want of water and provisions reduced the garrison to the greatest straits, and the governor saw no other alternative but to perifh, or deliver up to the enemy the idolized enfigns of royalty, which had been folemnly committed to his fidelity. The dexterity of his wife relieved him from this agonizing dilemma. She fent to the English commander, entreating his permission to retire from the garrison with only her body cloaths and her wool, in those ages the universal material of female industry in Scotland. Her request was granted; and the left the garrison, driving before her an ais, which bore two panniers containing her wool and wardrobe. The gallantry of the English officer would not permit him to fearch the panniers, and the lady arrived unmolested at her own residence. In the heart of her wool she had conveyed away the regalia; and as foon as night gave her an opportunity, by the affiftance of the neighbouring parson and his wife, who were firmly attached to the royal cause, she buried the precious depofits in the church-yard, where a new-made grave afforded her the means of doing to without suspicion. Next day, the commander, being now freed from his dread of incurring the guilt of facrilege by delivering up the regalia, and feeing no prospect of any relief, surrendered the fortrefs. The English officer, who underflood that the regalia had been depolited there, was extremely disappointed at not finding them; but, as Ogilvie alone was up the rugged afcent, forced the bars of this in the fecret of his wife's stratagem, he window, which now bears his name; and, had no means of discovering the manner in which they had been removed. After ed the principal gate, killed the fentinels the restoration, Ogilvie resolved to carry stationed there, and opened by it an easy the regalia to Charles, expecting the well-

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earned reward of his fidelity and valour. Before he could effect this, however, the clergyman's wife, proud of being known to poffess an important secret, had already whifpered it to fome royalifts of her acquaintance, who immediately availed themselves of the intelligence, dug up the regalia from the place of their concealment, and, carrying them to the King, reaped the reward of another's loyalty. ever Charles might have done on being at first presented with the ensigns of his power, he was not of a disposition to pay any attention to the representations that were afterwards made him of Sir David Ogylvie's fufferings in his cause; and this brave foldier received no other recompense of his fervices, than the consciousness of having discharged his duty to a thankless Diffres of circumftances have lately compelled his lineal descendant to expose to sale his paternal estate, which had remained unaugmented and undiminished in the family for several centuries.

The Earls Marshal were the hereditary proprietors and commanders of Dunnotter, and for ages possessed the greatest part of the adjoining property. When that family fell victims to their unfortunate attachment to the house of Stuart, their extensive domains passed into other hands; and the Casse of Dunnotter is at length by purchase the property of Admiral Lord Keith, a descendant of the Marshal family by a semale branch. Lord Keith has placed a gate on the entrance of the Casse, and caused some of the antique monuments to be dug out of the rubbish, and taken several other precautions to preserve the veral other precautions to preserve the

merable ruins from decay.

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DEFFNCE of FORESTALLING.

[Continued from page 128, No. 84.]

CASE 111.

"FIVE butchers convicted of forestalling cattle going to Smithfield mar-

The evil which these butchers are supposed to have done, I apprehend, is this; they prevented some cattle from arriving at the market, and thus caused the cattle that did arrive, to sell at a higher price than they would have sold at, if the forestalled

The error feems to be in the position, that the price of any thing at a market is in proportion to the quantity; this is not true. It should be, the price is in the proportion of the quantity to the demand. If MONTHLY MAG. No. 85.

one half of a commodity in its way to market, be met and purchased by one half of the people, that would otherwise have gone to that market, the other half of the commodity that actually arrives at the market, bears the same proportion to that half of the buyers that actually go there, as the whole of the commodity hears to As much as the whole of the buyers. the five butchers were supplied by the cattle that did not reach the market, so much less did they want of the cattle that did reach the marker. They were, therefore, not guilty of enhancing the price of the market. For they neither increased the demand, upon the whole, nor decreased the quantity of cattle. Either they drove on the cattle to the market, and fold them there at the advanced price to which they had a right for their labour and time, and advance of capital to the drover, or they killed them and told them to their cuftomers; in which case they did exactly what they would have done, if they had waited till the cattle were brought to the market, and had bought them there. Indeed it is probable that they could afford to supply their customers with meat so purchased, at a little lower rate than if they had made the bargain at the market. For the drover could afford to fell for less than it he had gone on; and it might have coft the butchers no more to drive their cattle to their flaughter-houses, from the spot where they met the drover, than it would have cost to drive them from the market. It is not supposed that they were more likely to devourthe whole themselves, or to fink them in the Thames, or to export them to France, in one case than in the other. For what evil, then, done to the community, were the five butchers punished ?

In vain do we look for an antwer to this question, in anything that is faid by those, who pronounce fentence on fuch supposed I have before me, a long haoffenders. rangue of the Recorder of Dublin, against forestalling. He does not attempt an argument ; but relies entirely upon the authorities of the repealed statutes of Edward VI. and of Serjeant Hawkins, and Lord Neither do the quoted authorities Coke. use any argument, but take the thing for Coke only fays, "the more granted. hands they pais through, the dearer they grow," and therefore lays it down as a crime, to buy and fell again " in the Here feems to be the root of all grofs." the error. He did not confider that wares kept in the gross, increase in value by keeping; either by capital, (by the interest of money lying dead,) or by time, (improving

(improving the quality of the Wares;) or by both; and that, therefore, it is posfible to buy and fell again in the grofs at an advanced price, not only without detriment, but with advantage to the public. The " victuals and merchandife" are kept for the public, either till the article is demanded, as corn; or till it has improved itself, as wine; and whether it be kept in the hands of John, or in the hands of Thomas, who advances money to John, and enables him to provide more, is, I do not fay, nothing to the public, but that the property should change hands, is an advantage to the public; because John has thus an opportunity of employing the capital advanced to him by Thomas, to the advantage of himself, and ultimately If the merchandise had of the public. remained in John's hands, he ought to have had a price from the confumer, as much higher than that which he received from Thomas, as would be sufficient to make up for the loss of the improvement of that capital, which he knew how to improve fo much better than Thomas. If John has not money to maintain himself, and much less to go on in his business of procuring more, while the wine is growing mellow, or the confumer wants the corn, he must either pawn his merchandise, or fell to Thomas, for the confumer will not yet purchase. If he should pawn, precifely the same additional price must be laid upon the merchandise, to pay the interest, as if he had fold. And yet, pawning would be fair trading, and a fale be a crime! What end, then, does it aniwer, in any case, to hinder the transfer of the property, and detain it by violence in the fame hands? In some cases it may anfwer a very bad end. As the property on which money must be raised, must also fometimes be transferred to the keeping of the money-lender, who feldom lends to the full amount, it will be kept with lefs care, and confequently with some detriment to the public. It is well known, that every man takes most care of his

They who are accustomed to indulge their indolence by implicit reliance on authorities, will perhaps be offended at drawn by men, on many accounts defervedly eminent, without bringing their premises to the test of reason and experience. It is unreasonable to expect that Lord Coke should be two centuries before his contemporaries in mercantile knowlege, because he excelled them in his

knowledge of law. Being a great lawyer does not necessarily mply being a good legiflator. There is a wide difference between knowing what is law, and knowing what should be law. It is not my intention to argue at all from authorities. I shall not, knowingly, quote Adam Smith, the most able defender, but not, as is generally supposed, the father of these opinions. I shall not urge the disciples of Edmund Burke, with his latter political fentiments to adopt his constant opinions on political occonomy; nor request those who lament that eloquence can furvive argument, to pay some attention to the reasonings of those years of his life, when his mind was in full vigour, and untouched by the failings of age. But I cannot refrain from one quotation, which shews that it was long ago suspected that forestalling could do no harm; as the supposed crimes of witchcraft and usury had a few advocates, long before they were declared by law and lawyers to be, one a good, and the other an impossibility. It is the fate of forestalling to be deemed a crime by lawyers, when it has ceased to be a crime by law. " Velut Deo displicerent Statuta præcedentis Parliamenti (de Carne, &c.) omnia solito cariora fuerunt." Thomas de Walfingham, p. 107. A.D. 1315. and therefore (fays Barrington, in his Observations on the Statutes,) the present Parliament applied the only wife remedy, by enacting that every one-Victualia sua meliori pro quo posset venderet ad libitum."

MISORHETOR.

To the Editor of the Monthly Magazine.

FEEL myself obliged to Mr. Cogan for his candid explanation, page 107 of your last Number, and hasten to acknowledge the error into which I was unwarily drawn, respecting the verb mipayras: however the error is not mine except by adoption ; for Hill's Greek Lexicon, under the verb πέφαμμαι, states πέφανται tobe 5 plu. p. paff. verbi oana, appares. This I wish to mention as some apology The manner in for my former affertion. which the passive voice of is governs two substantives following it, and for which the little deference that I pay to great there is no rule in the common Grammars, names. There is not a more fertile fource induces me to remark that, as in the preof error than resting on the conclusions sent instance, so at other times I have had occasion to observe, that the Greek Grammars generally used are deficient in rules of concord.

In Iliad 9, v. 186, we have, regulariter - ระจะภิท ยโดยเลยาอรู ผูเลร.

Your's, &c. Hanflope, W. SINGLETON. March 9, 1802. For

For the Monthly Magazine.

A STATISTICAL TABLE of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA, for a SUCCESSION of YEARS, compiled chiefly from OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS. Length of the United States, 1250 miles-Breadth, 1040 miles-Containing more than one million of square miles, or 640 millions of acres.

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To account for the fluctuation of the metallic medium, it must be observed, that funding the debt, and establishing the national bank, occasioned the great influx from 1790 to 1795; after which the spoliations on commerce occasioned the decline till the loan of five millions, 1799, when specie again seturned for the purchase of stock.

\* Including Tennesses, which contains 100,000.

For the Monthly Magazine.

LORD SOMERVILLE'S CATTLE SHEW and DINNER, with REMARKS.

T is well known, that the late cattle Thews had become unpopular, and that the common fense of the public could be no longer dazzled with those huge living masses of blubber, which produced little elfe but tallow, at double the price of fine beef. It is supposed, that Lord Somerville, probably the original propoler of the cattle fliews, had represented this error of giving encouragement to the overfattening of cattle, to the late Duke of Bedford; and it is certain his Grace, by his candid and repeated declarations, was fully convinced that some change of fystem in the business was necessary. Here we have Lord Somerville's motives for instituting a separate exhibition, in which the annual fums he fo generously bestows may be expended the most to the public

advantage.

The conditions of Lord Somerville's annual prizes are as follow: -301, to the best, and 201, to the second-best yoke, or pair of oxen, which shall have worked together, for the space of three years previous to their being turned up to grass, aged from five to eight years, weighing from one hundred to one hundred and fixty stone, (8lb. to the stone); tuch being the fize best adapted to labour and the average of markets. To be let up from work between April 25th and May 1ft, 1802, and fhewn at Langhorn's Repolitory, Barbican, on Monday and Tuesday, nearest March ift, following. The order, as to flesh, in which these oxen are on New Year's day, and the number of day's work done between that time and April 25th, must be specified. Due allowance to be made for distance of drift from any part of the kingdom, both in a lean and fat state. To be fed with no corn of any description, or potatoes, and the quantity of oil-cake given, to be accurately stated. This prize is designed to countenance farmers in their usual course of profitable busbandry; rather than thoje who, forgetful of general benefit, are ambitious of keeping on cattle too long after they are ripe.

Another prize of sol. in like proportion, and at the same time and place. gol. will be given to those who produce, in fair ftore flate, the best five ewe hogs, not in lamb, viz. not exceeding thirteen, nor less than ten months old, when thewn. Atto, for the five bett fat wedders, four or fix-toothed fleep, 20% of any fhort, or clething wool breed, whether horned or

natt. This age does not exclude those flocks which work in the fold, yet their growth ought to be perfect. Quality of carcafe, aptitude to fatten, quantity and quality of wool and meat per acre, to be considered. Sheep not to be taken from the flock more than ten days before the commencement of their journey, or forced beyond the average keep of the flock. No person gaining a prize is qualified to exhibit stock for the same prize the succeeding year. The prize for oxen to be divided between the grazier and the farmer, who possessed those oxen during the last twelve month's work. The prize for sheep to be given to the breeders only. The two pair of oxen are not to be flaughtered with the axe, but to be laid, or pitched, according to the usage of other countries, for which purpose a skilful perfon will attend. Claimants for these prizes are requested to give notice to Mr. Langhorn, one month previous to the day of fhew, and not to fail fending in their flock, at or before feven on Monday morning. After nine o'clock, no entrance will be

permitted.

Such are the conditions of the prizes for the succeeding year. The late shew at Langhorn's, a most convenient place for the purpose, consisted of ten yoke, or pairs of oxen, and of twelve pens of theep, the exhibition of which continued from Friday until Tuesday, during which time, Lord Somerville gave constant and unremitting attention, highly gratifying every person present, even to the meanest, by the affability of his demeanor, and his readiness to give information on every The cattle, confifting of Herepoint. Glamorfords, red Devons, Suffex, gans, and the produce of French cows by a Prussian bull. His Majesty condescended to honour this Exhibition, by fending two yoke of oxen, one of which were of the celebrated breed of Glamorganshire, to valuable for their activity in labour, their aptitude to fatten, and the fineness of their beef: the other, a powerful and well-bred pair of Herefords. A yoke of Herefords, the property of Mr. Westcar, of Oxfordshire, generally supposed the best feeder in England, and, in truth, having some of the best feeding land to fecond his skill, won the first prize. They were remarkat ly wide, substantial, and short legged cattle, and died very fat. The fecond prize went to a pair of the red cattle, of great beauty and symmetry, belonging to H. Hoare, Efq. to which they were intitled, for having attained a sufficient state of fatness upon grass only,

without the affiftance of oil-cake. The two yoke of Messirs. Hudson and King were fingularly beautiful, and supposed by judges to be a true specimen, in all the characteristic points, of the famous red cattle of the west, the oldest and purest breed upon the island. These missed the second prize, it is to be presumed, from the circumstance of their having had oilcake. The foreign-bred pair were large, deep, of heavy bone, and had been remarkably good draught cattle. Suffex were large and heavy in the bone. There were, besides, some beautiful fat heifers of the western breed, and a large

Alderney bull.

The sheep were of the Ryeland, or Hereford, the South Down, and the Wiltshire breeds, besides a pen of the Diffley, which being of the long-woolled species, were shewn only as correct specimens of their kind. The Ryeland, alfo, Lord Somerville's, were exhibited; not with a view to the premium, but as a fample of that species which he crosses with the Spanish ram. They were of a very high form, remarkably white and delicate, and shewed indubitable tokens of the production of a valuable fleece. The first prize was adjudged to the Duke of Bedford's South Down lambs, which were allowed, on all hands, to be of the best of that truly excellent and useful breed: the fecond to Mr. Wells's Wiltshire fneep, a large and coarse species, known in London by the name of horned-crocks. Lord Somerville's drag-cart also took the general attention, and it was regretted that the two-furrow plough had not been ient for inspection. The company feemed univerfally fatisfied with this shew, and not a fingle exclamation was heard against fat meat.

At the dinner, at the Crown-and-Anchor, in the Strand, were present, the Marquis of Sligo, President of the Board of Agriculture in Ireland; Lord Grimstone; the Earls of Breadalbane, Winchelsea, and Cassilis; Colonel Fullarton; Dr. Anderson; Meffrs. Attley, Oakley, &c.; Lord Somerville in the Chair. His Lordship made a very pertinent speech, and particularly impressive, as it touched the critical fituation of a Noble Duke, fo juffly dear to the company present. The toaffs were :- The King, with thanks for the honour his Majesty had done the Exhibition-The Queen and Royal Family-The Duke of Bedford, and the speedy restoration of that health which is so valuable to his country-The Umpires-The Plough-The Fleece-breeding in all its

branches-Improved Husbandry and increating Commerce, long may their interests be inseparable. The Noble Chairman then, with an elegant compliment to the exertions of literary men, in the cause of agriculture, gave "Dr. Anderson;" and afterwards "the Author of the New Farmer's Calendar, unfortunately absent." The concluding toaft, "PEACE AND PLENTY." J. L.

To the Editor of the Monthly Magazine. SIR,

MONG some papers of a gentleman lately deceased in Dublin, I found the following memorandum, dated in the

year 1790:-

"A Mr. Spenfer, who refided at Mailow, in Ireland, about the year 1787, an old gentleman belonging to the excifeoffice, lineally descended from the poet of that name, has an original portrait of his immortal ancestor, for which he refused a confiderable fum of money; he has also feveral papers, records, &c. relating to him."-Perhaps this valuable picture might be recovered.

To the Editor of the Monthly Magazine.

INCLOSE a letter to the Mayor of Briftol, which has appeared in one of the public prints here. Some of the facts, perhaps, you will judge worthy of a wider circulation. I cannot but suppose that the quantity of unrelieved mifery in this city has been utterly unknown to its opulent inhabitants. It feems incumbent upon them, not less in point of humanity than of prudence, to imitate the honourable example which other cities place before their eyes. My inquiries lead me to believe that in ordinary times there is much low fever in Briftel. And as you cannot be fafe while a neighbour's house is on fire, so will sparks of contagion be always flying from perion to person, whatever be their difference of I am Sir, fituation.

Your obedient Servant, Clifton, THOMAS BEDDOES. March 18, 1802.

To the MAYOR of BRISTOL.

MANY families have been suffering from pestilential complaint, which has been lately raging throughout the United King-There are few whom it has not alarmed, and fewer fill whom the report of its devastations has not reached. Bristol, we shall prefently see, has been no way spared. I presume, therefore, that your mind may not be unprepared for a few obfervations on the means of immediately checking the progress of low fever, whenever it appears; and eventually, perhaps, of extin-

guishing febrile infection.

A fever hospital, or house of recovery, was opened at Manchester in 1796. It was defigned to receive poor patients on the first alarm of infection. You will find it natural that much unpopularity should originally attach to fuch an establishment. Public want ef information concerning the manner in which contagion is propagated, excited fears left the fever should for ever spread from this receptacle as from a centre. - Under this ternor many persons actually removed from its vicinity. But the plan was in fact crowned with complete fuccefs. The existing evils were diminished, and no new one produced; under the fanction of experience, a large addition is now actually making to the original building. At Liverpool and Dublin feverwards are now constructing. The same thing has been recommended in London, and promifes to be carried into execution; perhaps may be already undertakens

So far was infection from spreading about. the Manchester sever-house, that the adjacent streets, which in eight months before its opening furnished 267 cases of fever to the infirmary, furnished but 25 in the eight months after. The frequency of the diforder was greatly lessened upon the whole, till late well known causes began their operation. But even then the advantage of the house of recovery was fully felt. And fuch is the advantage of medical aid in the early stage of fever-fuch the alacrity of the Mancheffer poor to seek it-fuch the accommodations at the establishment—and such the efficacy of a well-digested plan, that, in a letter before me, one of the physicians expresses a belief that the proportion of cures is greater than among patients attended at their own houses: But I can present you with a table, from which every one may form his own judgment.

Admitted. Died. From 1796 to June 1797 360 (9months of) 1797 -- 1798 286 16 1798 -- 1799 373 24 1799 -- 1800 353 40 1800 -- 1801 739 65

Total 2111 183 In confidering this table, you will not fail to remember to what state many of the objects are reduced by penury before they take the difease, and to what state they must often be reduced by the difease, before their friends feek relief for them at the house of recovery. Let me add, left the circumstance should occation misconception, that the addition of new wards is intended to meet such an emergency as that of the late years They wifely prefer a spacious fever-ward generally empty to a

fmall one constantly crowded. With the history of the building now going on at Liverpool, I shall not trouble

you; but would gladly fhew you what private papers I have concerning it, and communicate

The question then I think can hardly be, whether the plan is good, where fever frequently rages; but, does Bristol need such an one? Some feem to think that on the average of years there is little low fever at Bristol. But, alas! they pronounce, I fear, 'without any proper knowledge or minute investigation. What may be its frequency there in comparison with Manchester, Liverpool, or Dublin, I have no data for conjecturing; but from the nature of things it feems next to impossible that there should not be always mifery enough of this description to demand that succour, which the place at prefent does not afford. At least, Sir, let us have the humanity to collect the evidence, and not, in compliance with vague opinion, close our ears to the cry of distress from the poor,

nor our eyes to our own danger.

In the late epidemic, the number affected by fever in Briftol, was prodigious. The medical relief was often inadequate-frequently none was given. The established charities were probably overpowered by applicants, or the friends of the fick could not apply. A few months ago the accuracy of a statement from the Bristol Dispensary was questioned in London, on account of the enormous proportion of fever-patients. But in referring back there was no cause to suspect error: and for my own part, I had proofs enough that the prevalence of fever was as dreadful as the statement implied. People not medical may, I know, be faid to mistake some other disease for fever. But this diforder is unhappily strongly marked; and fuch mistakes will feldom happen to perfons accustomed to the fick poor. Now I have on my table a written statement from the visitors among the Strangers' Friends; for I requested a deliberate opinion. They believe that of two thoufand fick, who in the course of the last year past fell under their inspection, twelve hundred were ill of fever. On the fame authority I learn, that within nineteen weeks, twenty-eight people lay down with fever in one house, in Back-ffreet, (it is believed they had very little medical affistance); and that eight were buried out of a fingle house in Eibroad-street. Of the existence of milery, to widely spread, I have received various confirmations from the invalid poor, who refort in vast and increasing numbers to the Pneumatic Institution. Last Sunday I was applied to by a girl, who had been almost totally deprived of the use of her limbs by the spotted fever. Her father and mother, she faid, had both died of the same disease, without relief or affistance.

Where the mass of misery of a particular species is so great at one time, is it credible that it should not exist at all times in a degree, especially as its proper and adequate causes are perpetually present? However,

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Sir, as I have already faid, let us fearch difpaffionately, but diligently. The extent of the establishment need but be proportioned to the exigency. Should there be little low sever in general at Bristol, a small house of recovery only will be in general requisite, unless we expand our ideas and provide for the

Should the same call for a fever-ward be found to exist here as elsewhere, its erection

would confer honour equally on the city and on its promoters. We have, you see, experience and example in favour of the measure. It would create a monument, sacred to the rescue of the poor, and the preservation of the rich from contagion. Wishing your official dignity may be distinguished by so happy an event, I am Sir, respectfully, yours, Thomas Bedoors.

Clifton, March 5, 1802.

# ORIGINAL POETRY.

MONODY OF FRANCIS DUKE of BEDFORD,

ONCE more, my harp, I strike thy trembling strings;

But not again to joy thy notes I raise!
Grief o'er the chords her hand distressful

And, faintly paufing, oft the fong delays. Mourn, mourn! around the grave of Ruffell

Ye great! ye young! ye gay! furround his bier!

Alas! from ev'ry blifs thus early torn,

He speaks, tho' mute, and fondly claims the tear!

Peers of his greatness! fellows of his youth!

Approach, approach! Lo! fallen from his
round

Is earthly dignity! Behold, with ruth,
Of rank, of title, pow'r, the narrow
bound!

For him no more shall pomp displayher charms, Nor ceremony greet him with a smile;

In flatt'ry veil'd, no more shall fervile swarms Of sycophants attend him to beguile.

No more shall friends around his board repair, Or join convivial in soft pleasure's train; The chosen few no more his thoughts shall share.

Nor the still fenate liften to his ftrain.

One tribute paid, and his career shall close:
The sepulchre shall guard his honour'd dust;
Within the house of death he shall repose,

Nor wake till the revival of the just!
Ye! who with grief the holy rites have join'd,
And seen his corse in solemn sadness laid,
Instructed turn!—His state with wealth com-

bin'd; His fense; the beauty in his form display'd;

The patriot zeal which glow'd within his heart;

The gentle tear, which tender pity drew; Avail'd not to repel the fatal dart,

The with ring hand of death remorfeless threw!

This was printed in a newspaper soon after the event, but with alterations. The present is from the writer's own copy.

Ye poor! who throng one parting look to

In speechless exstacy, and broken sighs!
Your grateful forrow shall embalm his name;
Your faithful orgies wast him to the skies!

### EVENING, an obe.

HAIL, folemn vifionary hour!
Thy filent dim return I greet;
No gleam to gild you mouldering tow'r,
No found for echo to repeat.

Sweet sprite of eve! that lovest to glide,
In silence, 'mid the twilight sky,
Whose form can only be descried
By musing fancy's favoured eye!

Sweet sprite! by whose aërial pow'r
Are fancy's finest visions wrought,
That hoverest at this fairy hour,

To prompt the foft, the penfive thought !

Sweet fprite! with whom my youth hatha

Full oft the tender pleasing tear,
Whose form has thrilled my breast with
dread.

What strain may please thine hallowed ear?

With thee the raptured bard reforts,

To thee refigns his foul fublime,

To range 'mid terror's awful courts!

To glance beyond the bounds of time!

Thy milder influence, too, hath taught
His foul in melting frains to grieve,
Strains that, with fortest sadness fraught,
Shall gentle bosoms deeply heave.

Oh! may to me thine aspect wear

The sweet, the inexpressive grace
Of her my breast still holds so dear,
Of her whom fancy loves to trace.

And when I rove the heath along,
Or 'mid fome dark dell lingering stray,
To meditate my simple fong,
Oh thou! inspire the rustic lay!

And if the mellow moon-light fall
On haunted grove, or vale remote,
O then thy fairy minstrels call
To swell the fine voluptuous note.

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And when, beneath those willows' boughs,
On you old mossy bridge I lean,
To watch the lone stream as it flows,
Restore some pleasing long-past scene.

And when, in folemn tones, the wind Sweeps through you abbey's crannied cells, With dread accordance may my mind Swell, as the deepening music swells.

But, if the dark clouds, tempest-blown, Roll in their dreadful depth of shade, If night, with terrors round him thrown, Thy calm, thy soothing, reign invade,

The threatening scene I then will leave,
And to my low-rooft cot retire,
There sing thy praise, sweet sprite of eve!
If thou my listening soul inspire.
Q. G. G.
March 6, 1802.

ODE to the HARVEST-MOON.

Spicea jam campis cum messis inhorruit, et cum

Frumenta in viridi stipula lactentia turgent :

Cuncta tibi Cererem pubes agrestis adoret.

MOON of Harvest, herald mild
Of plenty, rustic labour's child,
Hail! oh hail! I greet thy beam,
As soft it trembles o'er the stream,
And gilds the straw-thatch'd hamlet wide,
Where innocence and peace reside;
'Tis thou that glad'st with joy the rustic
throng,

Promptest the tripping dance, th'exhilarating fong.

Moon of Harvest, I do love
O'er the uplands now to rove,
While thy modest ray ferene,
Gilds the wide furrounding scene;
And to watch thee riding high
In the blue vault of the sky,
Where no thin vapour intercepts thy ray,
But in unclouded majesty thou walkest on
thy way.

Pleasing 'tis, oh modest moon!

Now the night is at her noon,
'Neath thy sway to musing lie,
While around the zephyrs sigh,
Fanning fost the sun-tann'd wheat,
Ripen'd by the summer's heat;
Picturing all the rustic's joy,
When boundless plenty greets his eye,
And thisking soon,
Oh modest moon!

How many a femalo eye will roam
Along the road
To see the load,
The last dear load of harvest home:
Storms and tempess, sloods and rains,

Stern despoilers of the plains,

Hence away the feafon flee,
Foes to light-heart jollity;
May no winds, careering high,
Drive the clouds along the fky;
But may all nature smile with aspect boon,
When in the heav'ns thou shew'st thy face,
oh Harvest-moon!

'Neath you lowly roof he lies,
The husbandman, with sleep-seal'd eyes;
He dreams of crowded barns, and round
The yard he hears the slail resound;
Oh! may no hurricane destroy
His visionary views of joy:
God of the winds! oh hear his humble
pray'r,
And while the Moon of Harvest shines, thy
blust'ring whirlwinds spare.

Sons of luxury, to you
Leave I fleep's dull pow'r to woo;
Press ye still the downy bed,
While sev'rish dreams surround your head;
I will seek the woodland glade,
Penetrate the thickest shade,
Wrapt in contemplation's dreams,
Muting high on holy themes,
While on the gale,
Shall softly sail
The nightingale's enchanting tune;
And oft my eyes
Shall grateful rise.

Shall grateful rife,
To greet the modest Harvest Moon!
Nottingham, Feb. 20, 1802. H. K. W.

### EPIGRAMS.

FRANK once asked a friend—" don't you think I speak well,

Tho' I ne'er take a book from its shelf?"
"How the talent you've gain'd (faid his friend) I can't tell,

But I own you speak well—of yourself."

Oh! had it been, well-natured Ned, thy doom
To toll, instead of learning, at a loom;
The labour of thy hand had gained thee bread,
And spared the fruitless labour of thy head.

Of his fine feelings, Jack may well be vain, For most acutely has he felt—a cane.

So long you virgin has furviv'd her prime,
Her breast seems chilled, by the cold hand of
time;
The foster passions long have lost their pow'r,
Scandal and cards waste now each joyless
hour;
She, who by charms has ceased to wound the
beart,

At reputation points the envenomed dart;
And, in the gamester's skill profoundly
school'd,

Our love she wins not, but she wins our gold.

DORI

New Italian Poems ... DORI eil GIARDINIERE.

MENTRE odorofa pianta D'aranci entro il giardino Di nuovi fior s'ammanta, Scende a quella vicino Una gentil donzella, Che tutti li raccoglie; E, per fembrar piu bella, Tra il crine e tra le spoglie E del sen tra gli avori, Al velo intreccia i fiori, Nella stagion gradita Che il frutto al fior fuccede, Dolce desio la invita, E là rivolge il piede. Maquando ella fi appressa A quella pianta stessa Attonita rimira Che carca e sol di fronde, E piange, e se n'adira. E il giardinier risponde : Bramavi i frutti, o Dori, Perche cogliesti i fiori?

Il FANCIULLO & L'USIGNOLO.

MENTRE dell' ufignolo un fanciulletto Al manco piede ha un lungo filo attorto, Lo spinge al vol con barbaro diletto; Ma quanto è corto il filo, il volo è corto. Grida il fanciul con pueril dispetto: Volar non fai. Rifponde l'ufignolo: SPEZZ: QUEL FILO, E ALLOR VEDRAISE VOLO.

#### EPIGRAMMI.

EGLI epigrammi miei dirà taluno Che di cento uno Saravvi buono; Cosi dei miei lettori anch'io ragiono,

> Dori, il ritratto Ch' Elvio ti ha fatte Di te e più bello: Non parla quello.

# Extracts from the Port-folio of a Man of Letters.

BRUNETTO LATINI. Letter III.

Brunetto Latini gives a short description of England, Scotland, and Ireland, with some account of the City of London, its Citizens, and the Court of Henry the Third, -his relation of an Elephant kept in the Tower, and his History of that Animal.

REAT BRITAIN, which is now Gr called England, has two Archbishoprics, which are those of Canterbury and York; it has befides eighteen Bishopricks. The neighbouring island of Ireland has the Archbishoprics of Armagh, Dublin, Cashel and Tuam; and twenty-fix Bishops-sees. Adjoining to England is the Kingdom of Scotland, which has nine Bishoprics. You must understand that in most parts of these islands, and particularly in Ireland, no serpent is to be found; and moreover, the people of the country say, that wherever stones or soil brought from heland ure laid, no serpent can stay on the spot. [La Grant Bretaigne, qui est ores Engleterre clamee, ou est Larceveschie de Contorbire et celui de Bruges, et xviij. Evelchies. Apres eft Yrlande, ou eft Larfcheveschie de Marchie, et de Duitelin, et de Caffeles, et de Tuen, et xxvj. Evechies. Apres est Escace, on il y a jx. Eveschies. Et sachies que en la plus grant partie de toutes les ylles, et especiaument en Irlande, na nul serpent, et porce dient li paissant MONTHLY MAG. No. 85.

que la ou len portast des pierres ou de la terre dirlande nul sarpent ni poroit de-

morer.

Henry, the son of King John, is styled King of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Normandy and Aquitain, and Earl of Anjou. In his person he is comely and tall, and has now attained a mature age, having been a crowned Sovereign during the greatest part of his life, as his father died whilst he was yet an infant. When I confider the many troubles and vexations he has met with, owing to the constant bickerings and disputes betwixt him and his vaffals, the Barons of England, who have frequently been in arms against him, I wonder much that he preferves fo . large a share of health and vigour. He refides, for the most part, in the Tower of London, which is a strong place; he has added some additional works to it, so that it may be reckoned impregnable by land; and the River Thames washing one fide of it, and filling the ditches to a great depth, is a ftill further fecurity. During the season of the great festivals, and upon other public occasions, he resides at his Palace of Westminster, adjoining to which is the great hall wherein he feasts with his Nobles. In this hall are likewise held the Great Councils of the Nation, or, as they are called, the Parliaments. The Castle of Windfor is a strong place, situated on a hill, commanding, on all fides, Li

a view of a great extent of country. Here the King comes, with the Queen and her children, during the fummer and the hunting-feafon. It is a good day's journey from London, and may be travelled either by land or water, as the Thames .river runs by the foot of the hill. Queen Eleanor chiefly travels to Windsor by water, that paffage being easiest for her, who is not a good horfewoman; besides, the ways by land are frequently impaffable for waggons, and the conveyance by litters is equally hazardous.

Fires frequently happen in this city [London]; and whenever that is the case, they caute great destruction, the houses being built with wood, and for the most part covered with straw and reeds. Al. though an ordinance has been made for fome years palt, to cover all buildings with tiles or flate, it is far from having

been generally obeyed.

The Citizens [of London] are a very turbulent, reitlefs, and diffatisfied people; and did not the Legate interfere from time to time, to aid the King's authority, they could not be kept within any proper bounds: happily for them and the whole people, whenever the Legate threatens them with the vengeance of Holy Church [fainte yglize] they become more moderate, and thus the Interdict of our Holy Father the Pope quiets every tumult and commotion.

I lately vifited a curious animal which is now kept in the Tower of London. It is an elephant presented to King Henry by the Emperor Frederick the Second, who, as you know, married the King's After Isabel. It seems this elephant was fent as a present to the Emperor Frederick by Emperor Prester John, of India. Henry, by an ordinance, has directed the City of London to provide for this ele phant, and to defray the expence of his keeper, which costs the Citizens not less than four pence a-day, over and above the expence they have been put to in building a receptacle for this rare animal, and the house adjoining for the Gremonese and his family to dwell in, who accompanied the elephant from Italy hither, and is intrusted with the care and management of it. [Que le second Empereor Fedric en amena un en Cremone que li envoia Prestre Johan dynde.]

As the elephant is an animal not found in Europe, you may not be acquainted with the nature and properties of that quadruped, I will therefore give you what account I have been able to collect

Italian, its keeper, concerning elephants in general, and the King's in particular.

The elephant is the largest animal we know of. His teeth are that fubstance which we call ivory. He has a kind of nofe, called his trunk or probofcis; this he can twist about with a serpentine motion. With this probofcis he takes up his food and conveys it into his mouth. Befides this use, he can strike with it so forcibly as to break whatever he hits. I was affured by the Cremonese, that he faw him throw a loaded als upon the roof of a house. It is certain that elephants have great courage; notwithstanding which they are readily tamed after they are taken. There is a great difficulty in getting them on board of a ship when there is a necesfity for transporting them across the fea; and in this case it is necessary for their keeper to conduct them with their tail foremost. To manage the elephant, some feverity of blows must be made use of; and then he will fuffer himself to be rode upon, and will go here and there as he is guided; for which purpose there is no need of a bridle, but only of an iron hook. Alexander the Great is faid to have made brazen statues of men, which he caused to be filled with live coals; these being applied to the probofcis, the elephants became so fearful of them, that they durst not strike their keepers lest they should be burnt. But I must tell you of their great tense and intelligence. It is certain that they observe rule and order amongst themfelves, and fubmit, like mankind, to the government of a head or leader. They march together in large bodies, following their commander, who is generally the oldest elephant, and never breaking out of the line of march, the rear being commanded by the elephant next in femority. When engaged in battle, they fight with one tooth only, keeping the other in referve; and the vanquished elephant never comes off without the lofs of, or some damage to, his teeth. The female elephant does not admit the male until the is tourteen years old; nor does the male feek the female before his fifteenth year. But so continent are these animals, that they never fight on account of their amours; each elephant keeping to one female until death separates them. And whenever this happens, the furviving male or female remains in the woods in a state of widowhood, feeking no new mate. And as the elephant, contrary to the nature of other animals, requires a provocative, the male and female, guided by instinct, set out tofrom reading, and the information of the gether westward, towards the earthly Pa-

radife, until the female has found a certain plant called the man de gloire (mandragora, or mandrake) of which she eats, and entices the male to eat of it likewise; whereby they are both excited to enter upon the work of generation. The female brings forth but one young elephant, and does not breed again whill the lives. She leads her young one, as foon as he is brought forth, to a pool of water, wherein he remains immerfed up to his belly, the male elephant constantly keeping a lookout for fear of the dragon, which is an enemy that covets the elephant's blood. If the elephant falls, he has no power to rife again, having no joint or knee; nature, therefore, has instructed him to make a loud outcry, which the elephants hearing, come to the spot, perhaps to the number of twelve; these join with their cries until the little elephants come in, who relieve the fallen elephant, by working their trunks under him, and thus by the help of the proboscis lift him again upon his legs. [Olifant est la plus grant beste que lon fache. Ses dens font yvoire et son bec est apeles promoistre qui est semblable a serpent. Ov celui prent sa viande et la met en sa bouche. Et porce que la promoistre est garnie de bon s'vise est elle de si grant force que el en brise quant quil fiert. Et a dient li Cremonois que il li virent ferir. j. ahne chargie fi forte que ille geta fur une maison. Et ja soit lolifans mout fiers. Neporque il devient tantost prives quant il est pris. Mail il nen entrera en net por passer la mer ce ses maistres ne li fiance de ramener arier, et porce fait on fur lui mangoniaus et tors de fust por combattre; et si le puet on chevauchier et mener la et la, non pas ofrain mais aun croc de fer. Mais Alixandres fist faire alencontre ymages de cuivre plein de charbon ardant si que elles cuisoient et ardoient les bes des olifans. Si que il ne feroient plus les homes por la paor des homes dou fuec. Et fachies que en eaus amout grant sens, car il observent la decipline dou souleill ausi come li hom et vont grant torbes ensemble aeschielles dont li ainsnes est chevetaines par devant tous et li autres qui est apres lui daage les guie et les constraint par deriers, et quant il sont ala mellee il nusent que lun des dens et lautre gardent au besoing. Et ne porquant la ou il sont vencu il sefforcent li un et li autre de damagier luer ennemis as dens. La nature as olifans est que la femelle devant. xiiij. ans et le malle devant. xv. ne sevent que luxure soit. Et ne porquit il font si chaste chose que entre aus na nule messee por femelle. Car chascuns a la soe acui il setient tout les jors de sa vie

En tel maniere que se lun pert sa femelle ou elle lui il niront jamais a autre ains vait tous jors foul par mi le desert. Et porce que luxure nest si chaude que il se mellent come autres bestes fi lor avient par amonestement de nature que li dui compaignon vont contre orient apres dou Paradis terrestre tant que la femelle treuve une herbe que lon apelle ma de gloire, fi en manjue et en atile tant fon malle que il en manjue autreci, et maintenant elchefent la volente de chascun et sentrejoignent a estrejenvers et engendrent. j. fis sans plus; et ce nest cune fois en toute sa vie tant soulement et vivent dedens un estanc jusques au ventre et la mere depose son fis, et le pere le garte tous jors por la paor dou dragon qui est lor henemis por la coveitise de lor sanc que il chiet. ne puet relever por poore que il ait, car il na es jenoils nule jointure. Mais nature qui li enseigne a crier a haute vois tant que tuit li autre dou pais vienent ou au mains. xij. qui tout crient ensemble tant que li petis olifans vienent qui le relievent a la force de son bec et de sa bouche que il met dessoz lui.]

Note-It appears from the short geographical fketch which Brunetto Latini has here given of these United Kingdoms, that the superstition, of no venomous creature being \_ able to live in Ireland, prevailed before his age, and was well known to him; but it does not appear that this exemption was believed at that time to belong exclusively to Ireland, as the fame notion feems to have been prevailing with respect to the neighbouring islands. The words of our author are, la plus grant partie de toutes les ylles na nul SERPENT, (Scrpents are to be found in few of these islands). Probably owing to the neglect of agriculture, whereby numerous lakes and marshes were formed, causing frequent inundations, by which means thefe dangerous reptiles were swept away, and their number so far reduced as to be little less than a total extirpation of their race. It is certain that Brunetto Latini speaks of Ireland more emphatically, as if it were peculiarly exempted from them, ("especiaument en Irlande"-particularly in Ireland, is his expression); and if it were so then, and if at this present time it continues to be the case, that no venomous creatures are living in Ireland, it can only be accounted for by the weeping nature of its climate, and its unvaried face of universal bog. That the same property is attached to and inherent in the flones and earth of this island, wherever they may happen to be removed or transported, is a fact of which, we presume, no evidence ever was, or will, be (The Translator.) produced.

Though Brunetto Latini came over to England with Henry's brother, Richard Earl of Cornwall, (then newly elected King

of the Romans) in quality of Governor or Preceptor to Henry d'Allmain, Richard's eldest fon, yet there is reason to think he was charged with private instructions from the Earl of Provence, King Henry's brotherin-law (in whose Court Brunetto Latini had fought an afylum when driven out of Florence by the Ghibelin Faction) to render an account of all transactions in England, probably for the information of the Court of France. This will more fully appear in the Letters which will hereafter follow, extracted from this Manuscript, unique of itself, and which, besides its singular curiosity on that account, includes a valuable monument of the Romans, Romance, or French Tongue of the two first races of the Kings of France; and which, as will be feen by the specimens the Translator hopes to produce, has contributed very largely to the formation of our English speech.

### THE DISEASE AMONG HORNED CATTLE.

The general diffress occasioned all over the kingdom, by the mortality among horned cattle, from the year 1744 to 1756, naturally engaged the attention of every humane physician who was at hand to fuggest any probable relief. The difficulties that attended the investigation of the nature and progress of the disease, prevented the fuccess which might have been expected from the abilities of feveral intelligent and experienced practitioners in the metropolis. Vague opinions, and unfuccefsful attempts to check its extension, were the confequences of trufting entirely to the reports of farmers and cowkeepers. Dr. Layard, having long feen with concern, that nothing effectual had been done, nor any fatistactory observations made on the subject, by mere accident obtained an opportunity of examining this calamitous diffemper. Being fettled in practice at Huntingdon, he attended the family of Mr. John Mehew, at Godmanchester, who was lofing his cattle, a third time, by the contagious illness. Dr. Layard offered to investigate the nature of the difease, and having affiduoufly applied himself to the examination of its fymptoms and progress, he formed an opinion that the distemper was fimilar to the mall-pox in the human body, that it was communicated in like manner as that disorder, and was to be managed on the fame ; rinciples ; his directions, founded on this opinion, were attended with fuccefs. The perufal of feveral authors confirming his opinion, he published, in 1757, an Estry on the Na-

ture, Causes, and Cure of the Contagious Distemper, treating it in a methodical manner. The distemper having totally ceased in 1756,\* was again brought into England in 1769, when the late Earl of Northington, on the 3d of December, gave notice to the Privy Council of its breaking out in Hampshire. Some of the Members of the Council being acquainted with the Essay of Dr. Layard, who then refided in London, applied to him for his advice and affistance. He was consulted in drawing up the Orders of Council and Acts of Parliament, which being put into immediate execution, stopt the spreading of the contagion, and totally extirpated it in less than fix months from Hampshire, and foon after, from Bamffshire, in 1770 and 1771, at the comparatively small expence of less than 3000l. For these services the House of Commons voted Dr. Layard 500l.; and from the success of his directions his Majesty was pleased to ap. point Dr. Layard to correspond with Holland, Flanders, France, and all other countries where the contagion should appear; he was likewife ordered to communicate all his proceedings, and their refult, to Baron Noleken, the Swedish Envoy. During this correspondence, which continued many years, Dr. Layard had further opportunities of confirming his opinions on the subject, of ascertaining the means of prevention, the mode of treatment, and the use of inoculation in this fort of small-pox. In 1774 and 1775, when the contagion was brought into Norfolk and Suffolk, the same Rules and Orders, and Acts of Parliament, being put in force, those counties were soon cleared of the diftemper, at an expence of less than 2000l.

### RELIGIOUS BACCHANALS.

The Monastery of Arcadi, in the island of Candia, contains nearly an hundred inhabitants, while about two hundred are dispersed over the lands belonging to the monastery, and are employed in agriculture. The cellar, this author assures us, is by far the finest part of the building. It contains two hundred casks of wine, of which the choicest is marked with the name of the superior, and no one may touch it without his permission.

This cellar receives a folemn and an-

The recent death of this gentleman was noticed in our last Magazine.

<sup>\*</sup> The fums granted by Parliament on account of losses from the distemper among the horned cattle, from .746 to 1757, amounted to upwards of 212,0.01.

nual benediction, immediately after the vintage. The prayer, recited by the fuperior on this occasion, is printed in the Greek ritual, it is as follows:—Lord God, who lovest mankind, look on this wine, and on those that shall drink it; bless these vessels, as thou hast blessed the wells of Jacob, the fish-pool of Siloe,

and the beverage of thy holy Apostles. Lord, who didst condescend to be prefent at the marriage of Cana, where thou dist manifest thy glory to thy disciples, by changing water into wine, send thy holy spirit on this wine, and bless it in thy name. Amen!

# PROCEEDINGS OF LEARNED SOCIETIES.

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FRANCE.

notice of the Labour's of the Class of Literature and fine arts, at the public sitting of the 15th Messidor, Year 9, by Citizen Villar, Secretary.

(Continued from our left.)

WE believe we shall gratify the wish of the artists, by communicating to them the labours of Citizen Peyre, during the course of the year 8.

On the 29th Nivose, of the same year, the Consuls had passed the following de-

cree:

"A National Column shall be erected in the centre of the Place de la Concorde; the names of the military men that have died, after having rendered services of superior importance to the Republic, shall be inscribed on this column."

A menument so worthy of the French nation ought to be executed in white marble. It was in contemplation to lay the first stone, on the 14th of July, or the

25th Meffidor.

Our Colleague thought, that a column erected to the memory of the military men who have died after having rendered Jervices of superior importance to the Republic, should bear a peculiar character; that it should neither be considered as a triumphal, nor as a funereal, monument, but as a monument raised to immortalise great names, and to give great examples to suture generations.

The column of which he had conceived the project, was to be erected in the centre of the Place de la Concorde, as the decree of Government prescribed, on a square base of a metre and a half, at the angles of which were to be elevated, on pedestals, sour trophies, composed of arms conquered from different nations; each trophy was to be accompanied with allegorical figures, representing the con-

quest of those arms: on each of the pedestals, the principal facts were to be en-

graved in fmall letters.

About the column, which was to be fluted from the fummit of the bale, were to be inscribed the names of the heroes, in large characters, on a bandeau which was to occupy about one-third of the shaft. A bas-relief surrounding the pedestal, was to record the principal actions in which our brave warriors had signalized their courage, and on the focle or foot was to be engraved, in twenty columns of writing, the history of those wars and of those immortal actions, in which the defenders of liberty had merited the honour of inscription.

The column was to be surmounted with a stylobate, which would have formed its

apex or coping.

The bill of expence of our Colleague would have amounted to 1,020,700 francs. He had proposed to make use of French granite, having observed that the coasts of the departments of the North and of Calvados were impregnated with rocks of granife, and that beds were to be found there in which an entire obelifk might be cut. Persuaded that an obelisk was more fuitable perhaps to the fubject than a column, he had traced the model of it on the fame pedestal, accompanying it with the same attributes and the same alle-The obelisk was to be divided, in respect of its height, into three parts; on the lower part were to be inscribed the names of the warriors; and in the middle, on two faces only, was to be placed a Fame, holding up crowns of laurel and of The upper part was to have borne this inscription in very large characters: "TO IMMORTALITY."

In the begginning of Messidor, the Minister of Interior caused it to be announced publicly, that the column "should be constructed of the granite of France;—and that he invited the artists to send

him, without delay, the plans which they had to propose, some of which he had al-

ready received, &c."

Citizen Peyre did not conceive himself called upon to enter the lifts, not being able to bring his plans to any degree of perfection, but till after long study and very mature reflection. He withdrew the rough sketch he had too hastily made, and continued to proceed on the dispositions which the laying of the first stone re-

On the 3d Fructidor, year 8, the Confuls had decreed that the tomb of Marshal de Turenne should be placed under the dome of the Invalids; and that the body of that great man should be deposited in the mautoleum, on the ift of Vindemiaire, year 9. On the 21st of the fame month, the execution of the decree was intrufted to Citizen Peyre, by the

Minister of Interior.

Our Colleague has drawn up a description of this superb monument, the design of which was furnished by Lebrun. At Saint Denys, the tomb was only elevated above the flooring of the church, by the height of a step (marche). In the Mufeum of French monuments, the Pyramid had been suppressed, which reduced the height to five metres. Under the dome, the height of which is fifty-lix metres, it was necessary to place the tomb in one of the arcades of the calement or windowwork, which is twenty-three metres and a half in height-it was necessary, moreover, to give it a proportion, which might place it in accordance with the vast and majestic edifice where it was to be depofited. It was to appear great in an immente space, of which it was to form the principal decoration.

The skilful architect has surmounted all difficulties, by raifing it on a grand pedestal, and by re-establishing the Py-

ramid.

It would have been poffible to enrich it with all those fine ornaments, of which antiquity offers us to many examples. It would have been easy to adorn the pedestal with new attributes. But fuch a vain magnificence, after having cost considerable funis, would have been an eye-fore to men of tafte, and merited the censure of been no relation, no harmony, between the tomb of Turenne and the dome of from the language. Invalids. Our Colleague felt the necessity of conciliating together the immortal compositions of Lebrun, and of Hardouin Manlart.

up the mansoleum. In this short space of time, he has constructed in stone the inside wall-work of the space left for the case. ment, the furface of which is forty metres and a half, he has found means to subject the lay or course of stones to that of the edifice (they are both of equal height), and to coat with marble a superficies of about thirty-eight metres; from a spirit of economy, he has made use of the stone of l'Isle Adam, which was stored up in the building of la Madelaine, and which resembles the stone of which the dome has been constructed. As to the blocks of marble, he has taken them out of the national magazines.

His bill of expence amounted at first to the fum of five thousand eight hundred and eleven francs. The works completed have cost only, -according to the final arrangement of the bills, the fum of five thousand two hundred and fifty-four francs, fifty-one crowns. It is impossible to shew either more celerity in execution,

or more probity in expenditure.

Citizen CAINUS has given to the Class the Abstract of a Dictionary of the French Language, the plan of which is highly interesting to the learned, and those of the French who wish to be thoroughly ac. quainted with the language which they

ipeak.

La Curne de St. Palaye, a member ot the Academy of Inscriptions and Belles Lettres, first conceived the idea of this Dictionary; he employed in the execution of it, a number of young persons that were then studying the history of France, the greater part of whom have fince diftinguished themselves by valuable works. We shall only name the late Citizen Le Grand, member of the Institute; the others are still living.

The project of La Curne de St. Palaye, was to write the physical and moral hif-

tory of every French word.

Of all these words, there is not one which has not begun to exist at a certain epoch. All have entered into the language and into writing, with a particular form and composition of letters. But all have fuffered from variations, so much the more multiplied, as each of them has furvived the longest. Every word either still men of judgment. There would have preserves its existence, or else has lost it by experiencing the fate to be banished

The word, at the moment in which use consecrates it, has a determinate acceptation. This acceptation is peculiar, and the inventor has no equivocal term. He had only twelve days wherein to fet But fociety, by admitting the word, ac-

quires

fignification, and to transfer it from the proper to the figurative fense. The empire of use sometimes extends so far as to efface all traces of the primitive fignification.

The collaborators of St. Palaye carefully read our old chronicles, our acrostical historians, our ingenious composers of tales, our tender romancers; they read them in the original manuscripts; every word was noted; it existed at such an epoch, written in fuch a manner, employed in fuch a fense. Proceeding through the different ages, they arrived at our own times. The word is preserved, faid they, or else it is superannuated. In the first case, use composes it of certain letters, and gives it certain acceptations.

The extracts necessary for the execution of fo great a work are complete; they have been deposited in the National Li-

Brequigny and other friends of St. Palaye wished the public to enjoy the fruit of his immense labours. Mouchet was employed to edit them under their inspection. The printing of the first volume, which was to contain the letter A, was begun before the revolution; more than fix hundred pages proceeded from the presses of the office in the Louvre.

Citizen Camus read afterwards feveral articles of the Gloffary. He gave an account to the Class of the care which the Committee appointed by the Institute to superintend the literary labours, was exerting for the completion of the printing of the first volume. It is by this method that they propose to consult the public judgment with respect to the printing of

the following volumes.

Citizen Camus has also communicated the analysis of a Memoir on the manuscripts of Dom Berthereau, relative to the history of the Crusades. This Memoir is the work of a literator whom our Colleague does not name, the author not having given him permission, but all the Class eafily gueffed the name of the modest writer, SYLVESTRE DE SACY.

following is the object of his labours:-The Collection of the Historians of France, begun by Dom Bouquet, a Benedictine, and continued by some of his fraternity, is well-known. The fourteenth volume, edited by other members of the Congregation of St. Maur, is now printing under the direction of the Inflitute. The Benedictines, in the course of their collection, arriving at the epoch of the Crufades, thought it was not fufficient to confult on this important epoch the Greek and Latin writers only, but that it was

quires a right to enlarge or restrain the likewise necessary to peruse the Oriental manuscripts. Dom Berthereau applied himself to this painful undertaking. He united the study of the Arabic to the knowledge which he already had of many Oriental languages. The Congregation of St. Maur wished to facilitate the means of his improving himfelf in that language. They retained an Arabian who happened to be then at Paris, whom they pensioned to come and confer with Dom Berthereau, enable him to acquire the spoken language, and affift him in transcribing extracts from it.

The Legislative Assembly did not obferve with indifference the labours of the learned Benedictine. On the 20th of January, 1792, they voted him a gratuity of two thousand livres. He died almost fuddenly, and it was long feared that the numerous manuscripts which he had collected, and those of which he was the author, were loft to letters. The Committee of the Institute, appointed to fuperintend the literary labours, caufed prompt enquiries to be made, and came to the knowledge of the manuscripts, which were found to be in the hands of the

heirs of Dom Berthereau.

These manuscripts have been confided to Citizen Sylvestre de Sacy, the man, without contradiction, the most capable to appreciate their merit. It appears from his Memoir, that Dom Berthereau had extracted from the Arabian authors whatever he found in them interesting relative to the history of the Crusades; that he had prepared some original texts for printing, first collating them with a number of manuscripts; that he had made a Latin translation of them, accompanied with fome notes; in a word, that the work only required revision by the author, it death had not furprifed him; that this labour is a necessary part of the collection of the historians of France, and that it is complete with respect to the object in view, viz. the knowledge of what the Arabian historians have said on the subject of the Crusades.

The Memoir of Citizen Sylvestre de Sacy has been communicated to the Minister of Interior, who, after having read it, has ordered the Committee of Superintendance of the Labours, to express to him the use it would be proper to make of it. If the object of this commission is accomplished, the public will not be frustrated of the researches of Dom Berthereau. These researches will acquire a new value, when put into order, revised and enriched with notes, by Citizen Sylvestre de Sacy.

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venth, and twelfth canzonetts, which are distinguished by their grace and elegance of style, and afford striking proofs of a taste both natural and refined.

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Mr. Butler has acquitted himself with much address in this sonata. The passages of the first movement, though not remarkable for their novelty, are pleasing and connected, and the rondo is worked with considerable taste and skill. The whole forms a good exercise for the piano-forte, and will, we do not doubt, be in request with the young practitioners on that instrument.

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In this duett Mr. Mazzinghi has exhibited much implicity of talle, and fuccefsful attention to expression. The parts are not so blended as to afford much scope for the exercise of science, but this effect loses nothing from the obvious cast of the confruction, nor do we trace any thing remarkably common-place. We, however, must notice, that the passage given to the words "constant still," is to be found, note for note, in Jackson's favourite duett, From the Groves, from the Woodlands and

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This glee, the effect of which gave us fo much pleasure at the theatre, combines the grand requifites of melody and harmony in fo eminent a degree, as to be perfectly worthy the well-known talents and science of its author. Though performed in the tragedy as a chorus, its present form is calculated to recommend it to the attention of all lovers of focial barmony, and the piano-forte accompaniment adds much to its general merit.

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step to quarters, and the general joy, to the concluding movement, or finale. The whole is conceived with a tolerable degree of spirit, and is not only enlivened with all the variety of which the subject is sufceptible, but exhibits confiderable novelty, of idea, and skill of arrangement. The merit of the composition will also be more conspicuous, when we consider how often, and how recently, this ground has been trodden by other modern composers.

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This is a delicate little air, and not altogether foreign from that genuine flyle of English melody which distinguish the best ballads of the last age. Mr. Birch's bass, we are obliged to say, is not always the best that might have been chosen, nor does the accompaniment display much of the art of harmonical adjustment, but the fymphonies are turned with fancy, and the general effect is highly creditable to his talents.

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Twelve of the most favourite Airs, selected from the forwarite Pantomime of Harlequin's Almanack, performed at the Theatre Royal Covent garden. Composed by W. Ware.

Though we find nothing very friking in these airs, yet they are for the most part written in a free, natural and easy ftyle. The movements are well contrasted, and furnish, on the whole, a collection of agreeable trifles.

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HE method, proposed by the Paten-I tee, for the attainment of all the im-

portant objects above specified, is by the better PRESERVATION of his filling up the void spaces between the planks, lining, and timbers of the veffel VESSELS from rapid DECAY, and with hot or melted pitch, tempered with a finall proportion of tar to render the pitch less brittle and more tenacious; and mixed with cork-shavings, charcoal-dust, ox-hair, &c. rendering the comp fition firm, adhesive, and almost everlasting. In those parts where the timbers are re-

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mote, pieces of cork-wood, or flips of deal may be introduced, by which a less quantity of pitch will be necessary, and

the specific gravity diminished.

Observations .- The duration of ships of war is computed, on an average, at 22 or 13 years. Mr. Bosquet imagines that if his method were adopted, a ship would be much better at the end of 20 years, than by the common construction it is after twelve years, fervice. At prefent great pains are taken to preserve the exterior of veffels, which at all times is eafily repaired, while the interior is neg-By the patent method, the inner parts of the ship would be the most durable; and if a plank should start, the water could not find its way into the fhip; the pumps would become in a manner useles; the aversion that rats have to the composition, would fecure the veffel from the de-Arustive effects of those animals, and from the fitted finell occasioned by their living, dy ng, and rotting, between the timbers.

The patent composition will have the fame effect as so much ballast, in the best position in which ballast could be placed, as it will occupy the centre of motion; and being specifically lighter than water, it will tend to preserve the ship in case of

danger from a heavy fea.

Such are the principal advantages which the Patentee anticipates as the refult of his invention.—He observes, that ships shready built, may be fortified by his patent method, at an expense not exceeding 4 or 500l. for a first rate Indiaman.

MR. WALKER'S for making and manufacturing CAPS and HATS, and rendering them perfectly WATER-PROOF; as also all kinds of LEATHER, SILKS, LINEN, STUFFS, PASTEBOARD, &c. for the purpose of being quorked into BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, BONNETS, and other WEARING APPAREL, in qubich a POWER of repelling MOISTURE is required.

The principal object of the Patentee is the manufacturing of military caps; for which purpose, he makes use of pasteboard, to which is cemented with glue or paste, linen-cloth or any other woven substance. The cap is then cut to the proper shape, and all the seams or joinings are united by narrow slips of linen, &c. and then cemented with glue. It is then to be painted inside and out with any kind of oil-paint, though a mixture of oil and lamp-black is to be preferred; and when dry, the cap is to be varnished or japanned. The same process is to be applied to lea-

ther, filk, cotton, &c. before they are made

into boots, caps, and bonnets.

Observation.—The objection against water-proof articles of dress, is, that, after a very few times wear, those parts which are creased by means of the motions of the joints, readily admit the rain, and thereby subject the wearer to the inconvenience of a partial chill, which may be equally or more dangerous to health than if the moisture were more generally applied. This we admit is not applicable to the military caps. But how far boots, shoes, gaiters, &c. would be comfortable to the wearer after having received two or three coats of paint and as many of japan, experience will best determine.

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MR. BROWN'S for a METHOD of making or preparing EXTRACT of ZINC.

This invention confifts in faturating the vegetable or animal acid with the oxyd of zinc, found in any state, or obtained by any process. The acid necessary for this operation, may be made by acetous fermentation, as common vinegar, or any acid produced from any vegetable, or any vegetable or animal oil; all or any of which being saturated with the oxyd of zinc produce extract of zinc.

MR. BOAZ'S TELEGRAPH, or new and improved METHOD of communicating THOUGHTS, INFORMATION, and INTELLIGENCE by means of SIGNS, LIGHTS, &c.

Mr. Boaz describes his invention to consist in representing, at pleasure, by means of lights or luminous bodies, and also by means of opaque bodies, any letter of the alphabet, or any numerical figure, or any appearance as a sign or signal, such as plane geometrical sigures of all kinds. The following he mentions as one of the simplest methods of effecting his purposes:—take 25 lamps, disposed on a board or frame in the form

of a square, at equal distances from each other. To each lamp belongs an opake cover or blind, with proper apparatus, to move backwards and forwards, fo as to exclude the light, and only fo many of the lamps be left visible, as are necessary to represent the letter of the alphabet, or other fign intended to be exhibited. Mr. Boaz is very particular in his specification, to describe a vast variety of mechanical methods by which the effect of his contrivancemay be produced. Although he has pitched upon 25 lamps, as answering to the number of letters in the alphabet, yet he observes that nine lamps, properly fitted up with blinds, fliders, pullies, incliners, &c. would produce nearly the fame effect; and a fimilar effect might be obtained by a greater or finaller number of lamps than 25, fo that he wishes it to be distinctly understood that it is not in the number of lamps made use of, nor in the particular configuration or construction of the machine, that the invention confifts, but in beingable to represent by means of lamps, or luminous bodies, as candles or phosphorus, or by means of opaque substances the fignals defired.

Observation.—It would be difficult to ascertain to whom the honor of inventing the telegraph is due: the Marquis of Worcester clearly refers to a method of conveying intelligence from place to place by

fignals, both by night and day.\* But Dr. Robert Hooke, in a paper read before the Royal Society, on the 21st of May, 1684, enters very particularly and at large into the methods of " discouring at a distance, not by found but by fight." In connection with the patent before us, one paffage of this paper is fo striking, that we cannot forbear transcribing it. " And those must be either day characters or night characters, if they be made use of in the day time, they may be all made of deals, and of a bigness convenient for the several Any one of the characters may fignify any one letter of the alphabet, and the whole alphabet may be varied 10,000 ways; so that none but the two extreme correspondents shall be able to discover the information conveyed. If the characters are for the night, then they may be made with links or other lights, disposed in a certain order, which may be covered and uncovered, according to the method agreed on. †"

In 1794, M. Edelcrantz, Councellor of Chancery, at Stockholm, described a telegraph for day and night, the fignals in the night time were made by lamps covered and uncovered as was found necessary.

\* See the 6th and 7th of his Century of Inventions. Glafgow, 1767.

+ See Philosophical Experiments, &c. by Dr. Robert Hooke. London, 1726.

# MEMOIRS OF EMINENT PERSONS.

EULOGY ON THE LATE DUKE OF BEDFORD BYTHE HON. CHARLES JAMES FOX.

We abstain from giving place to a detailed Biographical Account of the late Duke of Bedford till our next; but, for the present Number, we have obtained a correct report of the Substance of the Speech of the Hon. C. J. Fox, delivered in the House of Commons, on moving the writ for Tavistock, and we publish it under the immediate fanction of that Gentleman.

F the fad event which has recently occurred were only a private misfortune, however heavy, I should feel the impropriety of obtruding upon the House the feelings of private friendship, and would have fought some other opportunity of expreffing those sentiments of gratitude and affection, which must be ever due from me to the memory of the excellent person, whose loss gives occasion to the fort of

motion of courfe, which I am about to make to the House. It is because I confider the death of the Duke of Bedford as a great public calamity, because the Publie itself seems so to consider it; because, not in this town only, but in every part of the kingdom, the impression made by it feems to be the strongest, and most univerfal, that ever appeared upon the lofs of a subject; it is for these reasons that I prefume to hope for the indulgence of the House, if I deviate, in some degree, from the common course, and introduce my motion in a manner which I must confess to be unusual on fimilar occasions. At the fame time, I truft, Sir, that I shall not be suspected of any intention to abuse the indulgence which I afk by dwelling, with the fondness of friendship, upon the various excellencies of the character to which I have alluded, much less by entering into a history of the feveral events of his life, which might ferve to illustrate

it. There was fomething in that charader fo peculiar and firiking, and the just admiration which his virtues commanded, was fuch, that to expatiate upon them in any detail is as unnecessary as upon this occasion it would be improper. That he has been much lamented and generally, cannot be wondered at, for furely there never was a more just occasion of public forrow. To lofe fuch a man !-at fuch a time!-fo unexpectedly!-The particular stage of his life too in which we loft him, must add to every feeling of regret, and make the disappointment more fevere and poignant to all thinking minds. Had he fallen at an earlier period, the Public, to whom he could then (comparatively speaking at least) be but little known, would rather have compaffionated and condoled with the feelings of his friends and relations, than have been themselves very feverely afflicted by the loss. It would have been suggested, and even we who were the most partial must have admitted, that the expectations raifed by the dawn are not always realifed in the meridian of life. If the fatal event had been postponed, the calamity might have been alleviated by the confideration, that mankind could not have looked forward for any length of time to the exercise of his virtues and talents. But he was fnatched away at a moment when fociety might have been expected to be long benefitted by his benevolence, his energy, and his wifdom; when we had obtained a full certainty that the progress of his life would be more than antwerable to the brightest hopes conceived from its outlet; and when it might have been reasonably hoped, that, after having accomplished all the good of which it was capable, he would have descended not immaturely into the tomb. He had, on the one hand, lived long enough to have his character fully confirmed and established, while, on the other, what remained of life feemed, according to all human expectations, to afford ample space and scope for the exercise of the virtues of which that character was composed. The tree was eld enough to enable us to afcertain the quality of the fruit which it would bear, and, at the fame time, young enough to promife many years of produce. The high rank and splendid fortune of the great man of whom I am speaking, though not circumstances which in themselves either can or ought to conciliate the regard and effeem of rational minds, are yet in fo far confiderable as an elevated fituarion, by making him who is placed in it

his virtues or vices to be more ufeful of injurious to fociety. In this case, the rank and wealth of the person are to be attended to in another and a very different point of view. To appreciate his merits juffly, we must consider, not only the advantages, but the difadvantages, connected with fuch The dangers attending circumstances. prosperity in general, and high situations in particular, the corrupting influence of flattery, to which men in fuch fituations are more peculiarly expoled, have been the theme of moralists in all ages, and in all nations; but how are thefe dangers increased with respect to him who succeeds in his childhood to the first rank and fortune in a kingdom, fuch as this, and who, having loft his parents, is never approached by any being who is not represented to him as in some degree his inferior! Unless bleffed with a heart uncommonly furceptible and disposed to virtue, how should he who has scarce ever seen an equal, have a common feeling, and a just sympathy, for the rest of mankind, who feem to have been formed rather for him, and as inftruments of his gratification, than together avith him for the general purposes of nature? Justly has the Roman fatirist remarked,

Rarus enim fermè fensus communis in illa

This was precifely the case of the Duke of Bedford, nor do I know that his education was perfectly exempt from the defeets usually belonging to such fituations; but virtue found her own way, and on the very fide where the danger was the greatelt, was her triumph most complete. From the blame of felfishnels no man was ever so eminently free. No man put his own gratification fo low, that of others fo high, in his estimation. To contribute to the welfare of his fellow citizens was the confrant unremitted pursuit of his life, by his example and his beneficence to render them better, wifer, and happier. He truly loved the Public; but not only the Public, according to the usual acceptation of the word; not merely the body corporate (if I may fo express myfelt) which bears that name, but Man in his individual capacity, all who came within his notice and deserved his protection, were objects of his generous concern. From his station the sphere of his acquaintance was larger than that of most other men; yet in this extended circle, few, very few, could be counted to whom he had not found fome occasion to be serviceable. To more powerful and conspicuous, causes be useful, whether to the public at large,

whether to his relations and nearer friends, or even to any individual of his species, was the ruling paffion of his life.

He died, it is true, in a state of celibacy, but if they may be called a man's children whose concerns are as dear to him as his own-to protect whom from evil is the daily object of his care-to promote whose welfare he exerts every faculty of which he is posseft; if fuch, I say, are to be esteemed our children, no man had ever a more numerous family than the Duke of Bedford.

Private friendships are not, I own, a fit topic for this House, or any public affembly; but it is difficult for any one who had the honour and happiness to be his friend, not to advert (when speaking of fuch a man) to his conduct and behaviour in that interesting character. In his friendship, not only he was difinterested and fincere, but in him were to be found united all the characteristic excellencies which have ever distinguished the men most renowned for that most amiable of all virtues. Some are warm, but volatile and inconstant; he was warm too, but steady and unchangeable. Never once was he known to violate any of the duties of that facred relation. Where his attachment was placed, there it remained, or rather there it grew; for it may be more truly faid of this man than of any other that ever existed, that if he loved you at the beginning of the year, and you did nothing to forfeit his esteem, he would love you still more at the end of it. Such was the uniformly progressive state of his affections, no less than of his virtue and wildom.

It has happened to many, and he was certainly one of the number, to grow wifer as they advanced in years. Some have even improved in virtue, but it has generally been in that class of virtue only which confifts in refifting the allurements of vice, and too often have these advantages been counterbalanced by the los, or at least the diminution, of that openness of heart, that warmth of feeling, that readiness of sympathy, that generosity of spirit, which have been reckoned among the characteristic attributes of youth. In this case it was far otherwise; endued by nature with an unexampled firmness of more complete state of discipline than any man I ever knew. But he had, at the fame time, such a comprehensive and just view of all moral questions, that he well knew to distinguish between those inclipations, which, if indulged, must be per-MONTHLY MAG. No. 85.

nicious, and the feelings which, if cultivated, might prove beneficial to mankind. All bad propensities therefore, if any . fuch he had, he completely conquered and suppressed, while, on the other hand, no man ever studied the trade by which he was to get his bread—the profession by which he hoped to rife to wealth and honour-nor even the higher arts of poetry or eloquence, in pursuit of a fancied immortality, with more zeal and ardour than this excellent person cultivated the noble art of doing good to his fellow-creatures. In this pursuit, above all others, diligence is fure of fuccess, and accordingly it would be difficult to find an example of any other man to whom fo many individuals are indebted for happiness or comfort, or to whom the Public at large owe more effen-

tial obligation.

So far was he from flackening or growing cold in these generous pursuits, that the only danger was, left, notwithstanding his admirable good fense, and that remarkable soberness of character, which diftinguished him, his munificence might, if he had lived, have engaged him in expences to which even his princely fortune would have been found inadequate. Thus the only circumstance like a failing in this great character was, that, while indulging his darling passion for making himself useful to others, he might be too regardless of future consequences to himself and family. The love of utility was indeed his darling, his ruling passion. Even in his recreations (and he was by no means naturally averse to such as were suitable to his station in life) no less than in his graver hours, he so much loved to keep this grand object in view, that he feemed, by degrees, to grow weary of every amulement which was not, in some degree, connected with it. Agriculture he judged rightly to be the most useful of all sciences, and, more particularly, in the present state of affairs he conceived it to be the department in which his fervices to his country might be most beneficial. To agriculture, therefore, he principally applied himfelf, nor can it be doubted but with his great capacity, activity, and energy, he must have attained his object, and made himself eminently useful in that most important branch of political economy. Of character, he could bring his mind to a the particular degree of his merit in this respect, how much the Public is already indebted to him-how much benefit it may still expect to derive from the effects of his unwearied diligence and splendid example, is a question upon which many Members of this House can form a much LI

more accurate judgment than I can pretend to do. But of his motive to these exertions I am competent to judge, and can affirm, without a doubt, that it was the fame which actuated him throughoutan ardent delire to employ his faculties in the way, whatever it might be, in which he could most contribute to the good of his country, and the general interests of

mankind.

With regard to his politics, I feel a great unwillingness to be wholly filent on the subject; and at the same time much difficulty in treating it with propriety, when I confider to whom I am addressing myfelf. I am sensible that those principles upon which in any other place I should not helitate to pronounce an unqualified eulogium, may be thought by fome, perhaps by the majority of this House, rather to stand in need of apology and exculpation, than to form a proper subject for panegyric .- But even in this view I may be allowed to offer a few words in favour of my departed Friend. I believe few, if any, of us are so infatuated with the extreme notions of philosophy as not to feel a partial veneration for the principles, fome leaning even to the prejudices of the ancestors, especially if they were of any note, from whom we are respectively descended. Such biaffes are always, as I suspect, favourable to the cause of patriotism and public virtue; I am fure, at least, that in Athens and Rome they were so considered. No man had ever less of family pride, in the bad fense, than the Duke of Bedford; but he had a great and just respect for his ancestors. Now if upon the principle to which I have alluded, it was in Rome thought excusable in one of the Claudii to have, in conformity with the general manners of their race, forme thing too much of an aristocratical pride and haughtiness, surely in this country it is not unpardonable in a Ruffell to be zealoufly attached to the rights of the subject, and peculiarly tenacious of the popular parts of our constitution. It is excusable at least, in one who numbers among his ancestors the great Earl of Bedford, the patron of Pym,

Member of this House who is not liberal enough to do justice to upright conduct even in a political adversary. Whatever therefore may be thought of those principles to which I have alluded, the political conduct of my much lamented Friend must be allowed by all to have been manly,

confiftent, and fincere.

It now remains for me to touch upon the last melancholy scene in which this excellent man was to be exhibited, and to all those who admire his character, let it be fome consolation that his exit was in every respect conformable to his past life. I have already noticed that prosperity could not corrupt him. He had now to undergo a trial of an opposite nature. But in every instance he was alike true to his character, and in moments of extreme bodily pain and approaching diffolution, when it might be expected that a man's every feeling would be concentrated in his personal sufferings-his every thought occupied by the awful event impendingeven in these moments, he put by all felfish considerations; kindness to his friends was the fentiment still uppermost in his mind, and he employed himfelf, to the last hour of his life, in making the most considerate arrangements for the happinels and comfort of thole who were to survive him. While in the enjoyment of prosperity, he had learned and practifed all those milder virtues which advertity alone is supposed capable of teaching; and in the hour of pain and approaching death, he had that calmness and ferenity which are thought to belong exclusively to health of body, and a mindat

It I have taken an unufual, and possibly an irregular, course upon this extraordinary occasion, I am confident the House will pardon me. They will forgive fomething, no doubt, to the warmth of private triendship-to sentiments of gratitude, which I must feel, and, whenever I have an opportunity, must express to the latest hour of my life. . But the confideration of public utility, to which I have fo much adverted as the ruling principle in the mind of my Friend, will weigh far more with and the friend of Hampden, to be an them. They will in their wildom acenthuliaftic lover of liberty; nor is it to be knowledge, that to celebrate and perpetuate wondered at if a descendant of Lord the memory of great and meritorious indi-Russell should seel more than common viduals, is in effect an essential fervice to horror for arbitrary power, and a quick, the community. It was not therefore for perhaps even a jealous discernment of any the purpose of performing the pious office approach or tendency in the system of of friendship, by fondly strewing flowers Government to that dreaded evil. But upon his tomb, that I have drawn your atwhatever may be our differences in re- tention to the character of the Duke of Bedgaid to principles, I truft there is no ford : the motive that actuates me, is one

more fuitable to what were his views. It is that this great char eter may be strongly impressed upon the minds of all who hear me-that they may fee it-that they may feel it-that they may discourse of it in their domestic circles - hat they may speak of it to their children, and hold it up to the imitation of posterity. If he could now be sensible to what passes here below-fur? I am, that nothing could give him fo much fatisfaction as to find that we are enleavouring to make his memory and example, as he took care his life should be-uleful to mankind.

I will conclude, with applying to the present occasion, a beautiful passage from the speech of a very young orator. " It may be thought, perhaps, to favour too much of the languine views of youth, to stand the test of a rigid philosophical inquiry; but it is at least cheering and confolatory, and that in this instance it may be exemplified, is I am confident the fincere wish of every man who hears me. "Crime," fays he, " is a curse only to the period in which it is successful, but virtue, whether fortunate or otherwise, blesses not only its own age, but remotest posterity, and is as beneficial by its example as by its imme-

diate effects."

ACCOUNT OF THE LIFE WRITINGS OF THE LATE ALEX-ANDER GEDDES, L.L.D.

R.GEDDES was born at Arradowl, in the county of Banff, and in the parish of Ruthven, September 4, 1737, old flyle. His father's name was Alex. Geddes, the second of four brothers. His mother's maiden name was Janer Mitchel; she was born in Nether Dalachy, in the parish of Bellay. They were respectable, but not opulent, farmers; fuch as farmers are in that part of the country, fubject to grievous oppreffions from their landlords. In that station, however, they maintained an excellent reputation, and laboured inceffantly to give an education to their children far above their rank. In their religious fentiments they were liberal Roman Catholics, in whose library, we are told; the principal book was an English edition of the Bible, which they taught their fon to read with reverence and attention at a very early peried: in his infancy, the principal facts contained in that book were familiar to

His first schoolmistress was a Mrs. Sellar, whose distinction of him, Dr. Geddes was accultomed to fay, was the earlieft mental pleasure he remembered to have

He was next put under the care of Mr. Shearer, a young man from Aberdeen, whom the Laird had engaged to educate his two fons, and with whom the subject of this memoir, the late Roman Catholic Bishop Geddes, of Edinburgh, and another lad about the same age, were admitted to take lessons.

He was afterwards removed to Scalan. an obscure place of education in the Highlands, at which those young persons were brought up who had been devoted to the priesthood, and who were destined to finish their studies at a foreign university. At this feminary, we have reason to believe, young Geddes laid the foundation of that superior skill in the learned languages for which he was afterwards to eminently distinguished. In October 1758, he was fent from Scalan to the Scotch College in Paris, where he arrived about the end of December, after having narrowly escaped shipwreck in his passage from Aberdeen to Camphire. Mr. Gordon was then Principal of the College. In a few days after his arrival, he began to attend the lectures in the College of Navarre, and entered immediately into Rhetoric. He foon got at the head of the clais; although there were two veterans Vicaire was then Professor, and contracted a friendship for him, which lasted all his life.

At the beginning of the next schoolyear, he should have entered into a course of philosophy: but was perfuaded to study philosophy at home at intervals, and to enter in divinity. He attended the lectures of M.M. Buré and De Saurent at the College of Navarre, and of Ladvocat, + for the Hebrew, at the Sorbonne. Ladvocat was particularly attentive to him, and wished much to have him remain at Pa-

his mind, and, before he had attained his eleventh year, he knew all its history by heart\*.

Mankind; an oration delivered in the Chapel of Trinity College, Cambridge, December 17, 1798, by the Honorable William Lamb.

<sup>\*</sup> See Dr. Geddes's General Answer to Queries, &c. &c. a work to which, perhaps, without being formally noticed, we shall have occasion often to refer.

<sup>†</sup> Professeur de la Chaire d'Orleans: a He-\* Effay on the Progressive Improvements of brew Protestorship founded by Louis Due d'Orleans, fon of the Duke of Orleans, Regent of France, and one of the most pious and learned princes of his age.

ris:—but other counsels prevailed; and he returned to Scotland in the year 1764. On his arrival at Edinburgh, he was sent to Dundee, to officiate as priest to the Catholics in the county of Angus. But he did not remain long in that station; being removed in May 1765, to Traquaire, where he resided nearly three years as domestic chaplain to the Earl of Traquaire. Of this connection he was accustomed to speak with satisfaction and gratitude, as having afforded him much leisure for literary pursuits, and the use of a well-surnished library, admirably adapted to assist him in his savourite studies.

He left Traquaire in the autumn of 1768; and, after a few weeks' stay in Angus, returned to Paris, where he remained the following winter; during which he was mostly in the King's and other libraries, and made several extracts from rare books, particularly Hebrew ones.

In the spring of 1769, he returned to Britain; and undertook the charge of a considerable Roman Catholic congregation at Auchinhalrig, in Banff-shire; where, in the fummer of 1770 he projected and built a new chapel on the same spot where the old one flood; and foon after made the old house at Auchinhalrig one of the most neat and convenient belonging to the Roman Catholic clergy in Scotland. This, and other unavoidable expences encumbered him with debt; from which he was however relieved by the generonty of the late Duke of Norfolk. He then thought, that a little farm would help him to live more comfortably; but the confequence was quite the reverse; he was obliged to borrow money to flock it, and the failure of three fuccessive crops plunged him deeper and deeper. Another chapel too, which he built at Fochabers, added considerable to the burthen. The publication of his Satires that year brought him in some money, but not enough. Still, however he had spirit and hopes, and he was not, in the end, difappointed. In 1779, he left Auchinhalrig; after having continued during ten years in the affiduous discharge of the various duties belonging to his pastoral office; and when he retired, it was with the most fincere and unfeigned regret of all those among whom he had ministered. The attention which he paid to the in firuction of the young had never been furpassed, and but rarely equalled, by any of his predecessors.

His great learning, which began now to be univertally known among the literati of the North, obtained for him, in the year 1780, a diploma, creating him

Doctor of Laws, from the University of Aberdeen. This was an honour that had never, since the reformation, been conferred by that body on a Roman Catholic.

About this period Dr. Geddes came to London, and officiated for a few months as priest in the Imperial Ambassador's chapel, till it was suppressed at the end of the year 1780, by an order from the Emperor Joseph II.

Dr. Geddes afterwards preached occafionally at the chapel in Duke-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, till Easter 1782, when it is believed he totally declined the exer-

cife of all clerical functions.

It was at a much earlier period than this that he formed a defign of giving a new Translation of the whole Bible. About the year 1760 he began to read with this view: he was then acquainted with only two versions of that book, the vulgar Latin and the vulgar English; in favour of the latter he had been much prepoffessed in the early part of his life; but when he had acquired a knowledge of the Latin language sufficient to enable him to compare the two translations, he gave a decided preference to the Vulgate. The English appeared to him rugged, constrained, and often obscure, where the Latin was smooth, easy, and intelligible. The former feemed to read like a translation, the latter like an original. " Such (lays Dr. Geddes) at that time was my opinion; and I confess, that whatever I have fince read, has ferved only to confirm me in it. Let this be called prejudice; I have no objection: but, certainly, it has not been flightly formed, nor blindly followed."

In the year 1762, he began to read the originals, with these versions constantly before him, when he quickly discovered that the great object of the English translators had been to give a strictly literal version, at the expence of almost every other consideration; while the author of the Vulgate had endeavoured to render the original equivalently, into such language as was current in his age. Struck with the advantages of the latter method, Dr. Geddes immediately refolved to follow the same plan if he should ever translate the Bible. His original ideas, in this respect, though frequently reviewed by him, underwent but few alterations. The unwearied attention which he paid to the ancient versions in the Polyglott confirmed him in the opinion, that a firielly literal version was not the most proper to convey its meaning, and display its beauties, fince even those translators, who had the text to render, not into a different lan-

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guage, but only into different dialects of the fame language, had not attempted a firially literal vertion; and that those of them who were the least literal, had the most forcibly and intelligibly rendered

their text.

"But (fays Dr. Geddes) when from the ancient I turned to modern verfions, my opinion was foon strengthened into conviction. There were seven modern versions to which I had then access the French, the Italian, the Dutch, and in Latin—those of Munster, Castalio, Junius, and Pagninus. Of these seven, the one which I opened with prejudice, was the one which I read through with the greatest

pleasure.

" I had been taught to confider Castalio's translation as a profane burleique of holy writ. What was my furprise to find, that he had feized the very spirit of the original, and transfused it into elegant Latin! I saw, indeed, and was forry to fee, that, through his excessive refinement, a part of the simplicity of his original had evaporated in the operation; and, in this respect, his version is inferior to the Vulgate: but still the spirit of the original is there; whereas, that of his contrast Pagninus appears like an almost breathless body, dragging along its limbs in the most awkward and clumfy manner; yet this Pagninus has been the general model of vernacular versions."

We have been thus particular in defcribing the rife of Dr. Geddes's grand work, the Translation of the Bible, because it was an undertaking sufficient to immortalize any man, more particularly one who adhered to the general doctrines of a church which absolutely prohibits the use of the Scriptures to the

laity in their native language, That Dr. Geddes should have had, among the members of his own church, an host of opposers, will not afford matter of astonishment to any one : he seems to have anticipated obloquy from the rich and the low vulgar, as the principal reward of an almost more than Herculean labour. But he was contented to go through evil as well as good report. He knew he had " not a mercenary foul;" the public knows, and posterity will confess, that he possessed one expanded with the best principles of liberality and difinterestedness. "I expect not (fays he) excessive profits from excessive exertions. I trust I shall never want meat, and cloaths, and fire; to a philosophic and contented mind, what more is necessary?"

It appears that Dr. Geddes had been

engaged feveral years in this great undertaking before he law any prospect of meeting with encouragement fufficient to make it public, it it were completed, and ready for the prefs. He had, in addition to difficulties common to lituations of this kind, to contend with others peculiar to himself. He had a mind ardently intense in the pursuit and investigation of truth. He could not brook error in any person, however exalted, nor would he hear it advanced and maintained, without shewing the indignation of a high and noble fpirit. The fentiment contained in the Preface to his Letter, addressed to the English Catholics, was one of the leading maxims by which his life was governed.

"At any rate, I do what I think it my duty to do, and do it fairly and openly. In the following pages, ye will find neither palliation nor difguile. I pour out my fentiments with the fame fincerity as if I were before the tribunal of Him, who is to judge the living and the dead. Miltake I may, but prevaricate I never will." Such a spirit shewn in almost every ast of his life, and in all the social intercourses and connections with the world, though meriting the applause of every honourable mind, was not the most likely to conciliate the regards of those who might have afforded him real and effectual assistance."

After he had spent much of his valuable life in biblical studies, he complains of having met with a long and cruel interruption to them, and fays, " I had but little hopes of ever being in a fituation to refume them, when Providence threw me into the arms of fuch a patron as Origen himself might have been proud to boast of -a patron, who, for thefe ten years paft, has, with a dignity peculiar to himfelt, afforded me every conveniency that my heart could defire towards the carrying on and completing of my arduous work." The public are not now to be told that this liberal patron, of high and diffinguished worth, and of biblical literature, was the late excellent Lord Petre. this act of his Lordship's munificence continued through his whole life, and, by his last testament, even beyond it; Christians of every denomination, will, when they know how to estimate the advantages of free inquiry, and have fufficiently imbibed the spirit of the Gospel, to allow to all men the liberty they claim for themselves, feel fentiments of respect and gratitude. Happy would it have been for the Chriftian world, if Dr. Geddes had found among Protestants another patron who thould

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should have shewn the same zeal as this Catholic nobleman in promoting the general knowledge of the Scriptures. In that case, we should not have had reason to lament, that we are now only in possession of the new translation of the twelve first books of the Old Testament\*.

While Lord Petre's generosity secured to our author all the comforts of life, all the means necessary to proceed with his work; it was, nevertheless, inadequate to indemnify the expences of the press. The

\* It will not be thought improper to throw in a note some short account of the early encouragement which Dr. Geddes met with in this work, as stated by himself in his Prospectus:—

"I cannot (lays he, in his Prospectus) refrain at present from mentioning two or three persons, to whom I have had particular obligations:—

" The late Dr. Kennicott (on whose tomb every biblical fludent ought annually to ffrew the tributary flower) has a peculiar claim to. my grateful remembrance. I had hardly made known my defign, when he anticipated my wishes to have his advice and affiftance towards the execution of it, with a degree of unreferred frankness and friendship, which I had never before experienced in a stranger. Not contented with applauding and encouraging himfelf, he pushed me forwards from my obscurity to the notice of others: he spoke of me to BARRINGTON; he introduced me to LOWTH. The very short time he lived, after my acquaintance with him, and the few opportunities I had of profiting from his conversation, are distrelling reflections; but still I count it a happiness to have been acquainted with a man, whose labours I have daily occafion to blefs, and whose memory I must ever

",Another personage to whom, if my work have any merit, the world will stand principally indebted for it, is the Right Hon. Lord PETRE, at whose request it was undertaken, and under whose patronage it is carried on For although the plan itfelf is of 20 years flanding, and although the author had never any thing to much at heart as its accomplishment, yet his circumstances in life were fuch as must have rendered that impossible, without the providential interp fition of such a patron. But Lord PETRE is not only the author's patron, he is in some respects the author. It was his great love for religion, and his extreme defire of feeing fcriptural knowledge more generally promoted among those of his own communion, that suggested to him the idea of procuring a new translation, before he knew that I had ever entertained a fimilar idea, and at a time when I almost despaired of feeing it realized."

fubscribers were few in comparison of the magnitude of the undertaking; and the volumes already published were finished in a style so handsome, and even expensive, that little, or perhaps scarcely any, profit could have accrued to the author had the whole impression been fold.

In the year 1792, the first volume of this work, dedicated to his patron, Lord Petre, and containing the first fix books of the Old Testament, was published. This. he informed the public, had been delayed more than a year by a combination of causes and circumstances, which he could neither foresee nor prevent; the principal of which was a long teries of bad health, and a lowness of spirits which accompanied it. "A dangerous fever (fays he) and its lafting confequences put a stop to the press-work for a whole year. This was to be fubmitted to with Christian refignation; but the rubs I have received from human malignancy are a trial of patience not eafily borne. Will it be readily believed, that these rubs have chiefly been railed by professed Catholics? by members of that very body which I principally meant to ferve; by mine own brethren, if brethren they may be called, who fit down and speak against their brother, and slander their own mother's fon! Ignorance, envy, and malice, in the various thapes of Monks, Friars, and Witlings, have been buly these ten years in depreciating my labours, and affaffinating my reputation\*,"

Soon after the publication of this volume, three Vicars Apostolic, who styled themselves the Bishops of Rama, Acanthos, and Centuria, iffued a Paftoral Letter, addreffed to their respective flocks, warning them against the reception and use of Dr. Geddes's version. This episcopal thretch of power, as Dr. Geddes conceived it to be, occasioned a correspondence between him and the Bishop of Centuriæ; in the course of which the prelate, availing himfelf of the authority belonging to his office, declared the Doctor suspended from the exercise of his ecclesiastical functions, unless within the course of a few days he should fignify his submission to an injunction contained in the Pastoral Letter. Little did the Bishop know of Dr. Geddes's mind, if he supposed that threats could intimidate, or dread of personal danger and inconvenience could arrest him in his progress. His reply was conceived in a style

<sup>·</sup> See Address to the Public, p. 1793.

highly animated\*, and well adapted to the circumstances of the case. And, in a short time afterwards, he published a much longer Letter to the Bishop of Centuriæ, with a short Preface addressed to the English Catholics: in this he says, "I trust ye will not deem it presumption in me to grapple with Bishops; indeed, I would bodily grapple with Popes, if Popes dared to injure me. Our Catholic ancestors frequently grappled with them, and sometimes came off victorious. A Pope, and consequently a Bishop, may do wrong, and, if he do wrong, may be told of it even by an inserior."

The reader will be pleased with an extract from Dr. Geddes's Reply to the Bishop, after he had received the sentence of suspenson:—

"Perhaps, my Lord, you wish to have another occasion of exercising your episcopal authority, and of playing with cenfures as children do with a new ball-I wish your Lordhip much joy of the bauble; but, beware, my Lord, beware of playing too often with it. Read St. Chryfostom on Ecclesiastical Censures, and learn from him a little more moderation, Permit an old Priest to tell you, that it is a very great ornament in a young Bishop. As to myself, my Lord, I am not afraid of your threats, and shall laugh at your censures, as long as I am conscious that I deserve them not. I will never submit to the injunction, because I deem it a rash, ridiculous, and informal injunction. If this you think a sufficient reason for declaring me suspended from the exercise of my orders in the London distrial, much good may that declaration do you! The truth is, I exercise no pastoral function in your district : I have neither taught, preached, nor administered any sacrament in it for many years back : I have not even said prayers in a y public chapel for fix years at least. To oblige a friend or two, I have fometimes, not often, faid private prayers at their houses; but fince you feem to envy me the pleasure of obliging a friend, I forego that too. But, my Lord, you cannot hinder me from praying at home; and at home I will pray, in defiance of you and your censure, as often as I please. The chief Bishop of our fouls is always accessible; and through Him I can, at all times, have free access to the Father, who will not reject me, but for voluntary unrepented crimes. In the panoply of conscious innocence, the whole thunder of the Vatican would in vain be levelled at my head.

You see, my Lord, that I have not required even the short time you grant me, to signify my disposition to submit to the injunction in your Pastoral Letter. Such a submission, my Lord, will never be made by

A Priest in the Catholic Church.

It was not till the year 1797, that the fecond volume of the Translation was given to the world, which was dedicated to her Royal Highness the Duchets of Gloucester, as an "early, spontaneous, and liberal encourager of the work." In the Preface to this volume, Dr. Geddes diftinctly gives up, and boldly controverts, the popular doctrine of the absolute and plenary inspiration of the Scriptures; he considers the Hebrew historians to have written, like all other historians, from fuch human documents as they could find, confequently, like them, were liable to mistakes; that they were not more intelligent and judicious, and were equally, at least, credulous. In the scale of merit, he ranks them much lower than the more celebrated historians of Greece and Rome, because, after carefully perusing them, and properly appreciating their value, he was unable to find in the Hebrew writers that elegance, correctness, and lucid order, which were to be found in the Greeks and Romans.

" It would (fays Dr. Geddes) indeed, be unfair to weigh them in the same The Hebrew historians have a greater retemblance to Homer than to Herodotus, and to Herodotus than to Thucydides. To the first of these writers they in many respects bear a striking similitude. Like him, they are continually blending real facts with fanciful mythology, afcribing natural events to supernatural causes, and introducing a divine agency on every extraordinary occurrence. The fame simplicity of narration, the same profusion of metaphors, the same garrulous tautology pervade them both : in both we meet with poetical history; the effutions of a warm imagination, tracing with boldness inaccurate resemblances between the operations-of nature and the petty artifices of men."

Such was Dr. Geddes's theory as to the foundation of the Jewish scriptures, which, if generally adopted, he thought would be attended with several important advantages, such as divetting the adversaries of religion of their most formidable and offensive weapons—of getting rid of a cumbersome load of useless commentators, which serve only to puzzle, when they profess to explain; and biblical criticism would be reduced to one single object; namely, to ascertain the genuine grammatical meaning of a genuine text;—and of obtaining, among persons of all descriptions, a more general attention to the Hebrew scriptures.

With fuch notions it will be readily imagined, that our author would give

up as fabulous, and totally unworthy the divine goodness, such commands, precepts, and injunctions, as should seem to his mind unworthy even of human authority. In this view of the subject he denied, that the command given to destroy the Canaanites could be of divine origin.\*

In his volume of Critical Remarks, published in the year 1800, he entered into a full vindication of his theory. + If the mention of obnoxious opinions created him an hoft of opponents, a justification of them was not likely to abate their fury, nor very much to diminish their num. ber. He-foresaw that, as he wrote to please no party, he must have enemies in every party. The Trinitarian, Arian, and even modern Unitarian, quickly difcovered that the translator of the Bible was but a covered infidel. Some warned their respective hearers from encouraging and reading fuch a work, as having the worst tendency; others, though persecuted themselves for diffenting from and oppugning the popular and established dogmas, yet felt indignant that Dr. Geddes should believe so little-should concede so much. "Can fuch a man be a Christian?" fays one, whose own faith has a hundred times been matter of discussion by others. "If indeed," fays another, he "believe enough to fatisfy his own mind in calling himself a Christian, yet he cannot be a

\* " After all that has been written, either

by Jews or Christians, in defence of this fan-

guinary measure, I confess that my reason and

my religion continually revolt at it: and I

cannot bring myfelf to believe that fuch an

order proceeded from the mouth of God; perhaps not even from the mouth of Moses.

I am rather willing to suspect that it is the

fabrication of fome posterior Jew, to justify

the cruelties of his nation. And indeed it is

the shortest way to justify any measure, and

to obviate all troublesome objections .- Such

a command could not be unjust, fince God

authorized and commanded it: who will pre-

fume to fay that what God commands is un-

just? True; but then we must be first well assured that he has commanded: and the

very appearance of injustice in the act is to

me a fironger proof that he did not command

it, than the authority of all the Jewish hif-

Catholic." To these doubts and queries proposed to the Doctor in all shapes, and upon a thousand different occasions, he once thought it worth his while to reply.

The questions then proposed were, er Sir, are you a Roman Catholic? Sir, are you a Christian?" To the latter of these queries I answer positively and peremptorily : "I am a CHRISTIAN." In order to give a just and cautious answer to the former, I must consult my old friend and countryman Duns Scotus. Now Duns Scotus instructs me (very properly) to make a distinction between the two terms; and to fay: A CATHOLIC, I am absolute, a Roman Catholic only secundum quid." If the querist understand Latin and Logic, he will be at no loss to comprehend my answer; but in case he should be a mere English scholar, and for the sake of other English readers (if there be any) who may entertain any doubts about my catholicity, I will make my distinction as clear and explicit as he or they can wish, It by the epithet Roman be only meant holding communion with the see of Rome, and acknowledging the primacy of its bishop, I am certainly fo far a Roman Catholic: but in any other sense or respect I am no more a Roman, than I am a French, German, or Spanish Catholic. If to the appellation Catholic, any differiminating adjunctive were necessary, I would call myself a British Catholic; but I rather adhere to the simple declaration of an ancient martyr: CHRISTIAN is my name, and Catholic my furname." See Dr. Geddes's General Answer to the Queries, &c. &c. 1790.

In the Preface to the Critical Remarks, he makes an explicit avowal of his faith. "The Gospel of Jesus is my religious code : his doctrines are my dearest delight; his yoke to me is easy, and his burden light: but this yoke I would not put on; thele doctrines I could not admire; that gospel I would not make my law, if reafon, pure reason, were not my prompter and preceptrels. I willingly profes myfelf a fincere, though unworthy, disciple of Christ: Christian is my name, and Catholic my furname. Rather than renounce these glorious titles, I would shed my blood: but I would not flied a drop of it for what is neither Catholic nor Christian. Catholic Christianity I revere wherever I find it, and in whatfoever feet it dwells; but I cannot revere the loads of hay and stubble which have been blended with its precious gems; and which still, in every lest with which I am acquainted, more or less tarnish or hide their lustre."

torians put together." See Preface to vol. II. of Dr. Geddes's translation, p. ii.

† In a little Latin poem at the end of this volume, Dr. Geddes gives an answer to the question, whether he thought Moses had been inspired. The initials at the head of these lines are generally supposed to refer to the Rev. Dr. Disney, whom Dr. Geddes used to consider, next to his patron, as his best and most intimate friend,

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Such was the creed of the man who has been repeatedly calumniated and maltreated as an infidel and heretic, whose name, by many, was never mentioned without reproach. But among the truly learned, candid, and liberal of every fect, Dr. Geddes had iteady friends, whose affections and regard no discordancy of opinions could alienate. Indeed it would have been strange if there had not been found many persons capable of appreciating thevarious excellencies attaching to the character of Dr. Geddes. Where virtue and science unite in the same mind; where great talents and high attainments are combined with integrity, honour, and benevolence in the intercourses of focial life, with a facred regard to truth and liberty, to the honour of God and of rational religion: whatever be the theological creed of fuch a person; to whatever church or communion of Christians he belongs, he must claim, and will enjoy, the respect

fuch a combination of eminent qualities

will necessarily command. In Dr. Geddes these qualities were united in a very remarkable degree: as a man of extensive learning, his various works, but especially his Translation and Critical Notes, will afford the most ample testimony to the present and to succeeding generations. With respect to some other topics, a learned Italian declares, that he never knew out of the Papal dominions a person more deeply learned in the ecclesiaftical history, canon law, the liturgy of the church, and the diplomacy of the court of Rome, than Dr. Geddes: nor does he believe that many of the higher clergy belonging to the Papal church could have rivaled him in these branches of study. The qualities of his heart were not lefs amiable and estimable, than his talents were transcendant. Or his integrity, homour, and benevolence, many are the living winesses: many moorn the loss of a man, whose wit and vivacity heightened the joys of their focial parties-whose good humour and pleafantry never failed to exhilarate the spirits of those about him. That he was irritable in some respects, will not be denied : but he was never malignant; never vindictive; " Never did the fun go down upon his wrath." His zeal for what he conceived to be the truth, upon all subjects, led him to a kind of eagerness in the affertion and maintenance of his opinions, which by persons ignorant of the man was fometimes mistaken for a dogmatical temper. But no one was more ready than Dr. Geddes to admit every man to the proper enjoyment of his own

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creed. He was in the strictest sense of the word a truly genuine Catholic; his good-will extended to all of every sect and party.

His writings exhibit in a complete point of view the spirit, and ardent feelings of the man. Though many of them are monuments of profound erudition, of indefatigable study and researches; yet there are others, known by his friends to have been his composition, though without his name, which bear the marks of superior genius, sprightliness, and wit.

Besides the Translation of the early books of the Bible, and the Critical Remarks; we should notice as highly deserving the

attention of the Biblical scholar,

The Prospectus of a new Translation of the Bible, 4to. 1786.—A Letter to the Bishop of London on the same subject. 1787.—His Proposals came out in 1788.

In the year 1790, he published a General Answer to the Queries, Councils, and Criticisms respecting the intended Translation: a work highly interesting and entertaining.

In 1793, he wrote an Address to the Public on the Publication of his new Translation:—and in the succeeding year, his Letter to, and Correspondence with, the Bishop of Centuriæ, were published.

As a controversialist, Dr. Geddes distinguished himself in the year 1787, by a Letter to Dr. Priestley, in defence of the divinity of Jesus Christ; and by a Letter to a Member of Parliament, on the expediency of a general repeal of all penal statutes that regard religious opinions.

In a Modelt Apology for the Roman Catholics of Great Britain, published in the spring of 1800, Dr. Geddes has displayed much zeal in defence of the tenets to which he adhered; great moderation when descanting upon the injuries to which himself and brethren were subject, by the continuance of persecuting laws; and sound reasoning when he argues in behalf of the justice and policy of abolishing all legal disabilities for conscience sake.\* Thiswork deserves

Speaking of the Catholics, in the preface to his Modest Apology, Dr. Geddes lays, "If in some respects they appear unsocial, it is chiefly owing to a foreign education; which they have been long obliged to mendicate in abroad, and which gave them uncouth, uncourtly habits they feldom overcame. Some vestiges of this education are still visible; but time will essace them, and has already, in a great measure, made them less apparent. Communicate to them the M m

deserves the attentive perusal of the liberal and candid of every sect. The author has taken large and comprehensive views of his subject; and has, in the discussion of it, displayed great ingenuity and acuteness—very extensive reading—great variety and depth of learning—uncommon vigour of thought and energy of diction.

In pursuing his great work, Dr. Geddes intended next to have presented the world with a new translation of the book of Pfalms; but during the last whole year of his life, his studies and literary labours were greatly interrupted by a long feries of painful affliction: yet in every interval of ease he applied to a work in which his heart was engaged. He had already printed in an octavo fize one hundred and four of the Psalms, and had prepared completely for the prefs as far as the one hundredth and eighteenth Pfalm, when he was arrested by a most painful and excruciating diforder, which terminated his valuable and important life on the 26th of February, 1802.

Thoughin that interesting moment, some pious drops the closing eye requires; yet it is to be regretted that Dr. Geddes could not experience the tender charities of domestic affection, nor derive consolation from the kind and soothing attentions of any person nearly allied to him by the ties of consanguinity.

He has left one brother, who is a Monk of the order of St. Bennet, and now refides at the Scotch Monastery at Würzburg, in Franconia.

On the following Thursday, his re-

blessings of British freedom—admit them to a participation of British privileges—open to them the way to meritorious preferment—humble them not by special restrictions—disgrace them not by peculiar disabilities—put it in their power to blend with society in every place, and on all occasions, without marks of ignominy on their faces—and they will soon become as social as any other members of society. Their prominent features will be softened down to the common stamp; and Papist and Protestant will, in the intercourse of life, resemble one another so much, that their respective peculiarities will hardly be discernible."

† The lighter works of Dr. Geddes, both poetical and fatyrical, are very numerous; but as they are not identified by his name, and as he expressly desired and intreated the public not to give him credit for any publication to which his name is not affixed or prefixed, the writer of this article does not think himself justified in giving a full list of all the works generally supposed to be the Doctor's productions.

mains, attended by a number of respects able friends\* zealously attached to Doctor Geddes during his life, were conveyed to Paddington church-yard, where they were deposited according to his own wish.

It was a subject of melancholy pleasure to behold at this parting scene, persons of different sects, and attached to the opposite prevailing political parties. Catholics and Protestants; Churchmen and Dissenters; Whigs and Tories; all forgot their differences, and united to pay a common and unfeigned respect, to the memory of one whose life had been consecrated, in a great measure, to a labour in which all are deeply interested.

We cannot better conclude this sketch than in the words of one of Dr. Geddes's very intimate friends.

"It must", (says he,)" be lamented, that in the death of Dr. Geddes, the world has loft the fervices of a man, who by his acute and penetrating genius-his various, profound, and extensive erudition-his deep refearch—his indefatigable application and his independent, dignified, and unfettered spirit, rising superior to the prejudices of education; nobly disdaining the shackles of system; spurning the petty temporizing arts of unmanly accommodation; and fetting at defiance all the terrors of malignity, bigotry, and intolerance, was supereminently qualified for the great laborious and important work in which he had for a long feries of years been engaged, of giving an English vertion of the venerable literary remains of facred antiquity, the scriptures of the Old and New Testament. This was the work and the labour of his life—the object which he ever kept in view, and the pursuit from which he never deviated, but at fhort intervals, to relax and unbend his mind by lighter occupations, and studies lets fevere; but ftill returning to his proper and favourite occupation with greater relish and delight. During his life, this undertaking did not meet with encouragement adequate to the magnitude of the defign; or, it may be added, to the merit of the execution. In this last respect, it will be matter of furprize to all who are competent to judge of the nature of fuch an enterprize, how much has been done,

<sup>\*</sup> Among these were Mr. TIMOTHY
BROWN, whose steady and generous patronage
during the latter years of his life always occasioned the Doctor to speak of him with
the warmest emotions of gratitude, and deferves in this place a distinguished notice; also, Doctors Crombie, Calder, and
Disney; Messrs. Ring, Good, Jarvis, and
Chalmers.

and with what uncommon ability and fuccels. It every where displays the skilful hand of a matter. Some few exceptionable passages might perhaps be pointed out. But, is it not matter to be wondered at, that a greater number has not occurred? Had no defects appeared, then indeed the world might have feen, what it has no right to expect-what is not the privilege of human nature to produce; and what the translator never had the arrogance to propose-a perfect work. Some verbal alterations might, even in the opinion of Dr. Geddes's most ardent friends. have been made with advantage.\* But here, so pertinent and just is the sentiment

\* The concession which the translator himfelf has made upon this fubject, reflects great honour in the candour and liberality of his mind. Those therefore, who object, should do him the justice to examine his note on Exod. 12. 11. After a learned and curious disquisition on the meaning of the term Passover, and remarking that it does not express the meaning of the original word, he adds, "It would have been better, perhaps, to retain the Hebrew word, as most of the ancients, and several moderns; have done:" and afterwards, "To put a short end to this controversy, let Phasab be restored in my Version throughout the first volume, as it has been done throughout the fecond; and let the reader affix to it what meaning he pleases." See Critical Remarks, p. 210.

of that great master of the art of criticism, whose works he always read with delight and enthusiasm, that the application cannot be resisted:

Ubi plurima nitent——non ego paucis Offendar maculis, quas aut incuria fudit, Aut humana parum cavit natura.

Had this great work been brought to a conclusion, with the same ability with which the venerable translator had begun it, it might justly have been considered as an honor to the country, and the glory of the age in which he lived. However it may be regarded by the narrow-minded and the illiterate, it will be the subject of lafting and fincere regret to all the enlightened friends of free inquiry—of biblical learning and facred criticism, that the work is now left in an unfinished and imperfect state, by the death of the incomparable author. And this event must continue to be still more deeply regretted if, as there is reason to fear, the loss be irreparable; if there be no possibility of finding another person capable of carrying on the same design, and of following with equal steps in the same virtuous and honorable career, fo generally competent, so highly accomplished, so variously and fo amply furnished, for executing this grand defideratum of the learned and the Christian world."

## VARIETIES, LITERARY AND PHILOSOPHICAL,

Including Notices of Works in Hand, Domestic and Foreign.

\*\* Authentic Communications for this Article will always be inserted free of Expence.

THE public will observe, by the details inserted in various parts of this Magazine, that the existence of the new Planet, PIAZZI, is now completely verified.

We have the satisfaction to inform our readers that the book sellers' petition has been savourably received in the house of commons. It represented in a perspicuous and able manner the embarrassiments which English literature has lately laboured under, in consequence of the double duty upon paper, and all its allegations have been satisfactorily proved before a committee of the House. There is consequently strong reason to hope, that this impolitic duty will be repealed, and the English press and our national Genius be restored to their former state of activity.

The uniform edition of the most favourite periodical essays in the English language, sometimes called the English Classics, will be ready for publication in the course of April. The edition will be

enriched with biographical and critical prefaces, and with illustrative notes, by Mr. ALEXANDER CHALMERS.

Dr. AIKIN's edition of Spenser, being the first of a series of the works of the British Poets, will also appear in April. The public are already apprised that this edition will be enriched with the masterly engravings of Mr. HEATH, who is one of its proprietors.

Mr. Nicholson has, with due regard to the convenience of the public, commenced a new series of his valuable Journal of Natural Philosophy, in the octave size. It therefore unites at this time every circumstance which can recommend it to the patronage of the public. This Journal, the Repertory of Arts, Mr. Tilloch's Philosophical Magazine, and the Medical and Physical Journal by Drs. Bradley and Batty, give a scientistic character to the periodical literature of the present day, which it never before possessed in this country.

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On the 1st of June will appear the first number of an elegant work under the title of Hibernia Depista; or, the Antiquities, Buildings, Towns, and Picturesque Scenery of Ireland, from Drawings by JOHN CLAUDE NATTES, Esq. to be

engraved by Mr. FITTLER.

A national work has been commenced by Messes. Pyne and Nattes, which is intended to exhibit a Picturesque Delineation of the Arts, Agriculture, Manufactures, Trades, and Manners of the People of Great Britain, taken from real Life. It is to be published in monthly Numbers.

Mr. HASLAM, of Bethlem Hospital, has in the press a Series of Reslections on the Construction, Internal Economy, and Moral Management of an Hospital for Insane

Perfons.

Three volumes are completed of Dr. Shaw's Magnificent Zoology; the next, containing Fishes, and the remaining eight, are proceeding with every possible dispatch. It is highly creditable to the author and proprietor, that the engravings have higherto improved in merit as the volumes have successively issued from the press. It affords as much pleasure to learn, that a work so creditable to English literature meets with liberal encouragement.

Mr. FAIRBURN has finished a new and convenient Map of the United Kingdom, exhibiting in a distinct manner a complete view of all the islands and circumjacent feas under the dominion of George the

Third

The Critical Differtations of the late Rev. N. Cappe, announced by us some time ago, will be published during the next month, in two volumes, octavo; Memoirs of the Life of the Author are prefixed. The following are some of the contents of these volumes:—An Exposition of the Proem of St. John's Gospel; on the Phrases, Kingdom of God, of Heaven, and of Christ, as used in Scripture; Christ in the Form of God, Phil. ii. 6—12; Idea of Judaism; Dissertation on Baptism; Dissertation on the Future Life of Man.

Dr. John Jamieson, of Edinburgh, author of an Answer to Dr. Priestley's History of Early Opinions, has in the press a work on the Use of Sacred History, to which will be prefixed two Dissertations—the first on the Authenticity of the History contained in the five Books of Moses and that of Joshua; the second proving the Books ascribed to Moses to be written by him, under the Instuence of divine inspiration.

Mr. D. TURNER, of Yarmouth, is at this time engaged in publishing a Synopsis of the British Fuci, intended to comprize the Description and History of every known Species, and the work will appear in a few weeks.

The fecond volume of Dr. GARNETT's Annals of Philosophy, Chemistry, and the Arts, is in the press, and will shortly be

published.

A medical gentleman informs us of the following efficacious method of driving away rats:—Take the expressed juice of the stalk or leaves of the deadly night shade, and make it into a soft paste with oatmeal or wheat flour, place it in the holes or tracks which the rats frequent, and, though they will not eat it, yet it is so disagreeable to them, that they will instantly leave the premises.

Mr. MITCHELL, bookfeller, of New-castle, designs to commence a new weekly paper at that place on Tuesday, the 1st of June, on a plan of improvement and literary excellence, which cannot fail to recommend it to a very extensive circulation.

Dr. JOHN MURRAY, Lecturer on Natural Philosophy and Chemistry at Edinburgh, has made a great number of experiments to ascertain whether sluids be or be not conductors of caloric. The experiments which he has laid before the public, though very curious, and seemingly made with great accuracy, are not sufficient to establish or controvert the opinion advanced by Count Rumford, that fluids are non-conductors of caloric. We may, in a future communication, expect a detail of a series of experiments made to determine the point.

Dr. JENNER, in a Letter to Professor WATERHOUSE, of Cambridge, in North America, gives the following as the golden rule of vaccination, viz. "Never to take the virus from a vaccine pustule, for the purpose of inoculation, after the efflorescence is formed around it. I wish this efflorescence to be considered as a facred boundary over which the lancet should ne-

ver pafs."

The Medical Repository of New York, contains the following dreadful picture of Irish Emigration. Several ships which had carried flax-seed to Ireland returned in the months of June and July to New York, crowded with needy and wretched emigrants from that island. They were so thick between decks that the air was deprived of its usual portion of oxygen, insomuch, that, on bringing the sick passengers to shore, the common pure atmosphere was too stimulant for their lungs, and a

number of them gasped in it, and died in a fhort time. There was fo much animal excrement accumulated in one of the ships, that the health-officer detained her at the quarantine ground as poisonous and pestilential, and refused to let her come up to the city. By the pukings and purgings, and by the urinary and perspiratory discharges of these miserable creatures, literally wallowing in their own filth, the bodies of many of them were besimeared and incrusted, forming a layer of excrementitious grime from head to foot. Their clothing and their bedding were impregnated with as much of these excrementitious matters as they could wipe from the bodies of the paffengers and abforb. And with fuch coverings, vile, offenhive and pestilential in the highest degree, were they furrounded. And these excrements, infesting every thing in the neighbourhood of the fick, underwent the ufual chemical changes in a heat nearly or quite equal to that of the human body, and turned to septic acid, or to some other septic and poilonous matter, which forms the exciting cause of fever. Of the fever so excited, between thirty and forty from one thip died in croffing the Atlantic, and were thrown overboard. The furvivors arrived in a state of uncleanliness, fickness and want, seldom seen in America, but among the emigrants from that unhappy country, who make fo large a number of the poor in American hospitals and almshouses. So thoroughly contaminated with their own corrupting excretions were the clothes and beds of these sufferers, that the feptic exhalations from them poisoned the air of the Marine Hospital, on Staten Island, and the medical attendants and nurses sickened in the discharge of their humane attentions. Mr. BAYLEY, the health-officer of the port of New York, caused the fick, after landing, immediately to be distributed or separated from each other as widely as the circumstances would allow, that their pestilential exhalations might be diluted, and wafted off. He ordered their nafty clothing and bedding to be carried away from their persons, and that part of both which was too poisonous, ragged and rotten to be worth the cleaning, to be burned or thrown into the Bay. He directed the bodies of the fick to be purified by careful ablution and scrubbing with a folution of foap in water; and even the heads of some of them, to be shaven. After these things were done, the fick were furnished with clean clothing and bedding from the public store. The walls of the hospital were repeatedly whitewashed with lime, and the floors and utenfils ferubbed with alkaline ley of pot-ash. So offensive and intolerable were many of these languishing creatures, that they were accommodated under large tents, for the benefit of more complete airing. And it was remarked that the ground on which the tents were pitched grew too unfafe, in a few days, to be dwelt upon any longer, and the tents were removed, and creeted on fresh portions of earth. In such cases the envenomed and deferted spot was regularly sprinkled over with lime. The health-officer, knowing that hard or barfoap was made of foda, and contained, withal, as manufactured in New York, a large quantity of turpentine, which only added to its weight, without increasing its virtue, procured for the use of the washhouse a stronger soap, made of the more powerful alkali, pot-ash, combined with just enough of animal fat to lessen its causticity to as to bear handling. this very efficacious foap, and not with the common mixture of turpentine, flush and foda, in the shops, were the remaining clothes cleanfed and alkalized. consequence of this management was, that as foon as thefe regulations could be carried into effect, the pettilential vapours were dispersed through the surrounding atmosphere—a vivifying air was admitted into the lungs-the pestilential matter adhering to the bodies and clothes was alkalized and overcome, and poisonous effluvia iffued from them no longer. It is worthy of being remembered, that emigrants from Ireland, landing immediately in the city, instead of being detained at the Marine Hospital, filled New York with death and terror in 1795. The editors of the Medical Repository add to this statement the following reflection. "The benevolent and philosophical gentlemen of Ireland, would be worthily employed in preventing thefe calamities, if possible, among their countrymen, and thereby relieving the United States from fuch shocking scenes."

Another instance of pestilence engendered in a ship crowded with passengers from Ireland, copied from a subsequent number of the Medical Repository.— The ship Nancy, Capt.

J. Herron, was chartered by a commercial house at Siigo, to carry passengers from that port to New York. She sailed from Sligo on the 12th of July, 1801, and arrived, after a passage of 77 days, at the port of New York, on the 27th of September following. This ship, of the burthen of 202 tons, received on board 417 passengers, and was navigated by nine seamen.

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The provisions, mere refuse put up by government-contractors with the view of faving expence, were of the worst kind; and the water, which was also of bad quality, from the unexpected length of the voyage, became extremely fcanty before the arrival of the ship. In order to receive fo great a number of passengers on board of this ship, temporary cabins were built on the quarter-deck, which were filled Three hundred were with 80 persons. crowded into the space between decks. It will excite no furprise that a vessel thus crowded became fickly foon after failing from Sligo. Typhous fever and dyfentery foon began to prevail, and destroyed the lives of a large proportion of the pafsengers. In addition to the wretchedness of being confined in such numbers in to small a space, these unhappy emigrants fuffered all the evils which their habits of uncleanliness could produce. bodies and clothes, covered and faturated with filth, exhaled poison all around them. Partly from the want of strength and asfiltance among the fick, and partly from the want of a fense of decency; the space between decks, occupied by nearly 300 persons, became the receptacle of all excremental matters, infomuch that they issued in streams from the scuppers. The filth on the upper deck was nearly over the shoes. The fides of the ship were daubed and incrusted with excrements; and even the ropes for the support of such as wished to go on board were unfit to be handled. The flench was intolerably offentive. fuch condition arrived this unfortunate veffel at the place affigned for quarantine in the port of New York. Ninety perfons had died on the passage; 180 were fick. Scarcely a healthy countenance was to be feen on board of the ship; very few had escaped disease; and many had fuffered from three to four relapses. 40 were taken ill after their arrival. foon as possible after their arrival, the fick were brought ashore; stripped of their filthy and pellilential clothes; their bodies thoroughly washed and scoured with foap and water; and then wrapped up in clean blankets, and carried into the wards appointed for their reception, in the Marine Hospital. The permanent buildings of the establishment were insufficient to receive so great a number; tents and other temporary accommodations were provided for the remainder. Separation, ventilation and cleanliness, as soon as they

only 26 have died fince their arrival at this

port.

An American lexicographer, of the name of ALEXANDER, has lately published a Columbian Dictionary of the English language, in which he proposed to insert " many new words peculiar to the United States." We were at first alarmed for the integrity of our language; but a smile was excited when we found that all the words by which it is yet improved on the other fide of the Atlantic amount only to ten. They are Lengthy, Antifederalism, Bootees, Caucas, Rateability, Sophomore, Lintar, Yankey, Accordingto, and Compofuift, words, which, if popular, we venture to prognosticate will also continue to be peculiar to their inventors!

The cow-pox has been discovered to be indigenous among the cows of Lombardy, and those in the vicinity of Paris; and we now learn from the Medical Repository of New York, that it has also been found among the cows in various parts of the United States, particularly in the state of Connecticut, where the matter has

been used with success.

There were lately discovered in a private house in Wirtemberg, in Saxony, several sheets of music, written, according to the opinion of the best judges, in Lu-THER's own hand. That extraordinary man, it is said, was not only an amateur of music, and held weekly concerts at his house, but was also himself a very excellent composer and performer. The celebrated Handel acknowledges that he had studied the compositions of Luther, and had reaped singular benefit from them.

There was lately presented to the First Consul a Map of France, engraved and coloured on marble, in such a way as to be incapable of being defaced. This map, which is deposited at Malmaison, is the invention of M. JEAN MONTAINVILLE, of Neuschateau, in the department Des Forêts. He executes in the same manner on marble ail forts of maps, plans, and charts, with so much art, and so highly finished, as to vie with design and painting. These works resist the injury of time, and may be exposed in gardens and other public places.

Hospital. The permanent buildings of the establishment were insufficient to receive so great a number; tents and other temporary accommodations were provided for the remainder. Separation, ventilation and cleanliness, as soon as they could be brought into action, accomplished every thing that could be expected. And

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tween France and the Porte, he has at last been set free, and returned to his native country with many valuable discoveries and designs. He is the first artist who has made relearches in the celebrated Mount Olympus, of which he has taken a plan, written a description of its situation, &c. It is he who took moulds of the beautiful friezes of the Temple of Minerva at Athens, for M.Choiseul Gouffier, on the spot.

M. Losanne has presented to the Agricultural Society of Turin the result of his experiments with regard to sabricating paper of the bark of the erigerum canadense, and the pappus of the carduus nutans and serratula avensis. The society have expressed their sense of the utility of these experiments, and have declared, that paper of a very excellent quality may be made in this manner, as soon as the soaking of the vegetable matters employed in the fabrication can be brought to maturity.

According to a Statistical Account of the Department of the Aube, Paraclete, where the unfortunate Abelard found a refuge from the perfecution of the Monks, presents nothing but ruins. Among the rubbish appears an altar quite defaced, at the foot of which is the tomb where he was interred along with his Heloisa. Adjoining to it is a ruin, in which Abelardis said to have delivered his celebrated Lectures on Theology. In 1791, the tomb of Abelard was transferred from Paraclete to Nogent, and from thence to Paris.

It having been matter of doubt among the French chemists, owing to some unfuccessful experiments of Citizen PAGOT, whether fulphate of foda (Glauber's falts) obtained during the calcination of minerals, was used in the fabrication of glass; M. Eolinger, who mentioned the circumstance, has conceived himself bound to certify the fact by the following instance: -The glass house at Fredericttadt, in the Voigtland, twelve miles from Freiberg, received, during the last year (1801), from the manufactory at Freiberg, 600 quintals of sulphate of soda, at the rate of twelve francs per quintal. This falt, added to about one-tenth of its weight of potash, and a small quantity of arsenic and manganele, is immediately put, with the filicious matter, into the furnace, and, by the application of a strong heat a very fluid vitreous mass is obtained,

In SCHERER's Chemical Journal, number 40, we have an analysis of some bituminous wood, made by R. Jamieson, at Freiberg, who conceives that he has disco-

vered a new acid, which cannot be crystallized, and which, by evaporation, is feen under the form of small shells or scales, of an acidulous tafte. It is difficult of folution when combined with lime. It decomposes the nitrate and acetate of lead; it produces a brown precipitate in the fulphate of copper; in the sulphate of iron, the colour of the precipitate is of a deeper brown. The folution with the nitrate of copper takes a beautiful green colour, without any precipitation. It decomposes also the nitrate and muriate of barytes. This acid, mixed with a folution of indigo in the fulphurous acid, produces a fine green colour. It refembles carbonic acid the most, and, when poured on carbon, it forms a brown and bitter matter, which is foluble in water, spirits of wine, and alkaline folutions. It then gives out a very penetrating and aromatic odour. The author thinks that the acid is composed only of carbon and oxy-

Citizen DARCET, Member of the Lyceum of Arts at Paris, has found that the following ingredients and proportions make an excellent white paint, fit for all the purposes to which oil-paint is applied, with-

out any of its inconveniences:

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Milk-curds well-drained 5 oz.

Slaked lime - of oz.

Whiting - 10 oz.

Fine powdered charcoal 1 dram.

Water - 3 oz.

In this Memoir directions are given for the preparation of paints of other co-

Dr. PRIESTLEY has replied to Mr. CRUIKSHANK'S Defence of his new System of Chemistry. He is still the zealous advocate for the doctrine of phlogiston, and calls upon Mr. Cruikshank to re-consider his hypothesis, and extend his examination to all the other arguments advanced in fa-

your of the phlogistic lystem, and against

In another communication addressed to Mr. NICHOLSON, Dr. PRIESTLEY has detailed a number of observations and experiments relating to the pile of Volta, which seem to him favourable to the hypothesis of two electric fluids—the positive containing the principle of oxygen, and the negative that of phlogiston. These united to water, constitute the two kinds of air, viz. dephlogisticated and instammable. He says they tend likewise to confirm a conjecture advanced by himself many years ago, respecting the similarity of the electric matter and phlogiston, and,

together with proper galvanic experiments, shew that the same substance elaborated from the aliment by the brain is the cause of muscular motion, the nerves being the most sensible of all electrometers.

Galvanism is at present a subject of occupation of all the German philosophers and chemists. At Vienna an important discovery has been announced—an artistcial magnet, employed instead of Volta's pile, decomposes water equally well as that pile, or the electrical machine, whence, it has been concluded, that the electric, galvanic, and magnetic shuids are the same.

Citizen LACEPEDE, Member of the &cnate, and of the National Institute of France, has just published a third volume of the Natural History of Fishes. In a discourse on the effects of the art of man over the nature of fishes, he shews by what means human industry may obtain from these creatures the greatest possible advantage; that they ought to be confidered as a kind of fecond agriculture; and, by country gentlemen, as new fources of wealth and pleasure. He points out various methods of multiplying the individuals, and of improving the species, by croffing the breed. The author then thews the methods by which the nature of fifthes may be improved, viz. by affording them plenty of food; by procuring them shelter and repose; and by the proper choice of males and females for the production of the species. This History is thought to be very superior to any thing of the kind, of which the world was in possession before.

The Confuls of the French Republic, on the report of the Minister of Interior, have lately published an arret, declaring their intention that the memoirs, plans, defigns, and, generally, all the refults relative to the sciences and to the arts, obtained in the course of the expedition to Egypt, shall be published at the expence of Government: that the Members of the Infinute of Egypt, and others who cooperated in those researches, shall form a union under the Minister of Interior, and shall be charged with the compilation, direction, and publication of those different labours: that the artifts and authors who shall be charged with the compilation, shall retain the appointments which they enjoyed in Egypt, during the whole time that shall be judged necessary to compleat their labours: that the entire edition shall be fold for the benefit of the authors, and the distribution of the product shall be

made, agreeably to the resolutions that shall be adopted by the assembly of artists and authors themselves : and that the authors shall appoint a secretary-compiler, from among their body, for the purpose of compiling an historical introduction necessary to the understanding of the work, as likewise for the disposing of the different parts in a convenient order and arrange. The above arret alludes to the defign of publishing in a fingle work the refults of all the observations made by the Institute of Egypt and others relative to the antiquities of that country, the manners, the industry, the government of the inhabitants, the natural productions; as likewife the confiderable collections made of minerals, plants, infects, fishes, birds; plans and defigns of architecture, perfective views and exact copies of the bas-reliefs which decorate the ancient edifices; including likewise a pretty large quantity of engraved stones, medals, valuable manuscripts, and various other objects of art and of antiquity. The report presented to the Consuls, by the Minister of Interior, (Paris, 17th Pluvioise) details the particulars of the plan which it is proposed to adopt, in this attempt to propagate a compleat knowledge of the country to observed, by establishing a reciprocal dependance between the facts of ancient history of a country, those of its modern history, and those which relate to its present or actual state. This collection therefore, according to the last-mentioned report, is intended to comprehend, 1. The description of the monuments, and memoirs on the antiquities. 2. Memoirs on modern Egypt. And 3. The history of the animals, of the minerals, and of the plants. In the first part of the work are to be placed the refults of the operations of levelling or furveying which have been made to determine the respective situation of the two feas. The description of the monuments will comprehend the plans of the places where they are fituated; views of the landscapes and of the monuments, taken under different aspects; plans of the edifices, elevations, accurate cuts and deligns of the architecture, and of the ornaments, and those of the obelifks; memoirs on the antiquities and the defigns of the affronomical fculptures; defigns of the most interesting bas-reliefs, also deligns of engraved stones, medals, inscriptions, and the copies of manuscripts; descriptions of the burial-places of the ancient Egyptians, and particularly of the tombs of the Kings of Thebes; refults of the refearches made to learn the

tonstruction, and dimensions of the pyramids, and the astronomical situation of This collection will those monuments. likewise contain, under the name of their respective authors, memoirs, designs, and instructive notes connected with the agriculture, the commerce, the arts, and, in general, the civil state of Egypt. works written on objects of natural history, will be accompanied with defigns or paintings which represent those objects. introductory discourse will add to the interest of this collection, by preferving in it that principle of unity which is so effential to the productions of the arts; it will prefent a curfory view of the general results of the observations-will particularly announce the respective authors, and the circumstances under which they were made. As this introductory discourse will be, in some measure, a literary history of the expedition to Egypt, and as the author will be expected to imitate the full Memoirs of the Academy of Sciences at Paris, which exhibit a remarkable model with respect to elegant perspicuity of flyle in this kind of writing, the choice of the Editor will depend on the formages of all those who are elientially concerned in the improvement of the work.

Citizen GEOFFROY, Professor of Zoology in the Museum of Natural History at Paris, has lately arrived from Egypt. He has left at Marseilles a number of chests, containing a valuable collection of minerals, of plants, and of birds, which he has collected during his voyage. These are expected shortly to arrive at Paris.

Literary Intelligence from Sweden .-As two men of learning, and warm friends and protectors of the arts and sciences, M. von Ehrenheim, President of the Chancery, and M. ZIBET, Court-chancellor, are at the head of the Swedish Ministry, we may confidently expeet the happiest consequences from their attention to the department of public infruction, the superintendance of which is committed to them by virtue of their office. The King has lately given firiking proofs of patronage of the sciences. academical edifice belonging to the Univerlity of Aebo, in Finland being too small, and in a ruinous condition; his Majety has assigned funds for the construction of a new large quadrangular building, which will contain all the schools, confiftories, libraries, collections of natural curiofiries, &c. The architect, Gjorwell, has given in a plan of it, which has received the royal approbation. The Uni-MONTHLY MAG. No. 85.

versity of Upsala, and the Professors, had, according to the ancient statutes, confiderable funds and falaries for the age in which it was established; but they were found very inadequate to the increased expences of modern times. The King has therefore ordered a fuitable addition to be made to the falaries of the Professors and inferior officers belonging to the university. In the Palace of Drotningholm, a cabinet of natural curiofities had been formed by Queen Louisa Ulrica, and contained the collections of Hasselquist and Solander, disciples of the great Linné, and of other Swedish naturalists and travellers: this cabinet has been presented by the King to the Stockholm Academy of Sciences. The new keeper of the museum, M. von Quenfel, a very worthy and diligent man, is now incorporating it with the naturalific treatures before belonging to the academy, and is to make a catalogue of the whole, arranged according to a proper claffification. TheKing of Sweden last winter affigned 5000 rix dollars to defray the expences of measuring a degree of latitude in the northern parts of his kingdom, in order to ascertain the true figure of the earth. Two members of the Academy of Sciences, M. M. OFWERBEM and SWANBERG were appointed to execute this important work. To the lovers of natural history it will be a most agreeable piece of intelligence, that the MSS. left by the Swedish naturalist Lösling, who died in South America in 1756, have been found, and are publishing at Madrid by M. Cavanilles, Director of the Royal Botanic Garden. M. Aurivillius, Librarian to the University of Uptala, is giving us a Catalogue of the Library under his care, and has edited the eighth part of the late M. Warmholze's Bibliotheca Historica Suegothica. The feven preceding parts were published by M. Gjorwell, the King's Librarian. The MS. of this excellent work, written with the author's own hand, confitts of fifteen volumes to-

In a room belonging to the ancient Academy of Sciences at Paris, there has been lately found a roll of linen, divided into 19 squares, which contain, each of them, a text in Cusive, or ancient Egyptian characters; each square has on the top some figure, supposed to be Egyptian, the explanation of which is probably contained in the writing. The National Institute has given orders to have them engraved and published, under the direction of the Citizens Camus and Langles, for the sake of such among the literati as N. n

might attempt to decypher this ancient

Egyptian writing.

The painters and other artists, residing hitherto at the Louvre, have received orders to quit that palace by the 1st Floreal, or the 21st of April next; this is done for the purpose of giving room to the National Library, which is to be transferred thither, from its present situation. Only the famous painter David is said to be excepted from the general rule. The report, which has lately prevailed, that the decree of the Minister and First Consul, for removing the library, had been countermanded, appears to be altogether groundless.

DIDOT, the elder, is still considered as the first and most elegant printer in Paris. He occupies, at the Louvre, the same place which was formerly occupied by the Royal Printing-office, and has far more commissions for printing than he can rea-

dily execute.

MARCHAND's Voyage round the World, beautifully bound, has been fent, by order of the French Government, to the different Sovereigns of Europe, and, among others,

to the King of England.

Many of the Manuscripts collected in Egypt, are already arrived at Marseilles, for Paris. The French young gentlemen, that are likewise returned from Egypt, speak and read the Arabic as fluently as the different natives of that country, who have accompanied them to France. It is confidently affirmed and believed at Paris, that certain of the English now or lately in possession of Egypt, have undertaken a journey to the Temple of Jupiter Hammon, in order to ascertain the real situation of that samous ruin, said to be lately discovered by Mr. Brown.

The German Opera House, lately opened at Paris, was soon after shut up. The Italian Opera is much more in the French taste than the German. The beautiful French Idylls of JAUFFRET, translated into German, have lately made their appearance at Paris; the types (very fine German) have been cast on purpose. It is remarked as rather a singular circumstance, that German books should be now printing in the capital of France.

The celebrated Italian poet, Abbate Casti, who has been a resident of Paris for some time past, is now publishing an original poem, in three volumes, intitled Gli Animali Parlanti, or the Speaking

Animals, price one louis.

Meffrs. Du THIEL and Gosselin propose to publish shortly a new edition of Strabo, in French, accompanied with

the original Greek text, and emendated agreeably to the MS. now in the National

Library.

The Cabinet of Medals at Paris has been augmented during the revolution, by the collection at Rome, formerly belonging to the Pope, and, of late, by feveral gold medals found between Amiens and These medals reach from Abbeville. Julius Cæfar to Septimus Severus-their number is reckoned to be about 2000 .-A great number of them, however, have been either concealed or dispersed among the country people that found them. As foon as the medals of the above-mentioned Cabinet shall be properly arranged, a catalogue is to be formed of them, by the present curators of that cabinet, Mesfrs. MILLIN and Gosselin. There has been hitherto no catalogue published of this collection, unquestionably the richest in Europe, as it consists of more than 60,000 numijmata, amongst which are upwards of 3000 gold coins.

The National Institute, in its sitting of

the fifth Pluviole, year 10, received the prefentations for three places of foreign Affociate-members, and for one place of Refident-member, vacant in the Mineralogical Section of the Class of Physical and The following Mathematical Sciences. is a lift of the candidates, and the number of the votes obtained in the respective classes, by each of them :- For the places of foreign Affociate-members, Class of Literature and Fine Arts, Meffrs. Hevne, 323 votes; Klopstock, 272; Sheridan, 251. Class of Moral and Political Sciences, Meffrs. Rennel, 334; Rumford, 289; Muller, 278. Class of Physical and Mathematical Sciences, Maffrs. Maskelyne,

266; Herschell, 246; Prieftley, 219. The Class of Moral and Political Sciences of the National Institute heard with a lively interest, in its fitting of the 27th Nivofe, year 10, the reading that Citizen COUTELLE, member of the Committee of Sciences and Arts in Egypt, made of a fummary of his journey to Mount Sinai, with Citizen ROZIERES, mineralogist. The long refidence of Citizens Coutelle and Le Pere, architects, at the Pyramids, to perform there all the necessary operations for the fludy of all those monuments, induces a presumption that, in future, we shall have nothing more to wish for, relative to their use, their construction, and their dimensions; we are affured that they have found the precise bases; and that they have measured every thing by the millimetre. Several members of this commission are already arrived, with the portfolios and notes, the fruits of three years

In a Memoir read to the Philomathic Society, the 13th Nivose of the year 10, on a new kind of infect, by Citizen A. WALCKENAER, the author observes, that after having described from nature more than 150 species of spiders, as well indigenous as exotic, he has found that the avicular ipiders and those known by the name of miners (mineuses) are assimilated in important characters very diftinctly pronounced; characters which, at the fame time, place them at a diffance from all the intects of their genus. He propofes therefore to make a new genus of them, which he confiders as one of the most natural that has been introduced, in these latter times, into entomology. He has given it the name of mygalsus, from that given by Aristotle to a particular species of spiders, unknown to us at present. The following are the characters which he has assigned to this new genus:-GENUS; mygaleus; in French, mygale. Two feelers very long, pediform, inferted at the extremity of the jaws.-Mandibles horizontal, curved, pre-eminent.-Jaws cylindrical, formed flanting in the infide.—Lower-lip very small. The following are the principal differences which diffinguish the mygaleus from other spiders :- In the mygaleus, the feelers are almost as big and almost as long as the anterior claws; in spiders, they are much finer and fhorter. In the mygaleus, the mandibles follow the direction of the corfelet, and are placed horizontally; they are curved on the back; in spiders, the mandibles are vertical; in relation to the corfelet, they are erect. The nails of the mandibles, in spiders, is received into a cavity which is indented on both fides; the nails of the mandibles, in the mygaleus, is received into a cavity which is indented only in the infide, and ciliated, or furnished with long hairs on the outfile. In spiders, the eyes almost always occupy the fore-part of the corfelet, and often a great part of its two fides; they are, moreover, immediately inferted on this same corielet; on the contrary, in the mygaleus, the eyes are placed on an eminence grouped like the Crofs of St. Andrew, and only occupy a very small characters of the genus mygaleus, from

feelers, the form and the polition of the mandibles and of the jaws, than in their fecondary characters, fuch as the respective length of the claws, the form of the abdomen and of the corfelet, and even the hair and the colour. He establishes, however, two different families. The first family :- The mygaleus with claws terminated by naked nails, or the mining mygaleus. He describes three species of them, two of which are European, and the other is found in the island of Jamaica. Second family: - The mygaleus, with claws terminated by nails concealed between the hairs, and whose lower extremity is spongious, or the avicular mygaleus. Of these he describes fix species, which are found in America, in Alia, in Africa, and in New Holland. He terminates this Memoir by observing, that the mygaleus inhabits hot countries, and that no species of them has ever been found in cold countries.

The National Library contains among its manuscripts, a copy of the celebrated inscription of Ta-Ya, the most ancient to be found in all the empire of China, and remarkable not only for its high antiquity, but also for the fingular form of its characters. This inscription, fent from Pekin by LE PERE AMIOT, confirms the veracity of that which Dr. HAGAR published last year in London, in his magnificent Introduction to Chinese, and which he drew from a Japanese Encyclopædia, written in Chinese characters, and printed in Japan. What is still more interesting is, that this copy contains the explication of every ancient character, made by the most skilful antiquarians of China, in modern Chinese characters, which Dr. Hagar is fhortly about to publish, together with the French translation

made by Father Amiot.

Citizen BRONGNIART, Director of the National Manufactory of Porcelain, at Sevres, has lately presented to the Class of Physical and Mathematical Sciences of the Institute a painting on glass, perfeatly executed, and of dimensions far furpaffing all that has been hitherto done in this kind. He has shewn the process employed in this operation, and in general, the means made use of in the manufactory of Sevres, to obtain colours which are not to be changed by fire. Among the patportion of the fore-part of the corfelet. terns which he presented, two bouquets The author afterwards gives the habitual of roles painted on porcelain were particularly diftinguished; their colours are to which it rejults that the avicular spiders well preserved that, although one of them and the mining spiders are no less similar underwent the action of fire, it was imin their primary characters, such as the possible to distinguish the slightest alteraposition of the eyes, the length of the tion, even in the most delicate shades.

The improvements wich Citizen Brongniart has introduced into the fabrication of porcelains, and the good tafte which prefides in the forms employed by him, are

equally remarkable.

A fociety has been lately formed at Pa. ris, on a large scale, entitled " Societe d'Encouragement pour l'Industrie Nationale;" or, a Society defigned to encourage the Efforts of National Industry. labours of this fociety, although fixed at Paris as its centre, will embrace the whole extent of the republic, and all the departments will share alike in the benefits which it proposes to distribute. objects and intentions are, to collect from all parts discoveries and inventions useful or necessary to the progress of the arts; to bestow annual encouragements, either by prizes, by gratuities; or, laftly, by taking a certain number of subscriptions for such memoirs as shall explain the detail of new inventions; to propagate instruction, either by giving greater publicity to useful discoveries, or by drawing up manuals on different objects of the arts, or by inviting an affemblage of the lights of theory with the results of practice, or, laftly, by constructing at its own charge, and distributing among the public in general, and particularly among the workshops, such machines, instruments, and apparatus, as are frequently lost for want of publicity, or of execution; to direct certain essays and experiments calculated to afcertain the utility of fuch models as are likely to produce great advantages; to relieve distinguished artists, unfortunately reduced in their circumstances; to collect and unite by new ties of affinity all such as by their fituation in life, their tafte, and their talents, feel an interest in the progress of the arts, or may successfully contribute to it; and, laftly, to become the centre of fimilar institutions, which are already defired and called for in the principal manufacturing cities of the republic. To attain the proposed objects, a number of committees will be formed, confifling of men the most enlightened in the knowledge of the arts; these committees will divide among them all the branches of industry; they will be authorized to receive and to examine inventions and difcoveries; to propole subjects of prizes; to prenounce on the competition of candidates; and, in a word, to prepare the whole labour. A committee of correspondence will be established to maintain a' connection through all the cities of the republic; to collect facis, and differninate knowledge. A committee of expence will be likewise appointed, confisting of

citizens of established character, for activiry and generous philanthropy, to regulate the expenditure of monies, and which will, periodically, give an account of its labours. The minister of the interior has been pleased to offer a place of meeting, for the different departments of this fociety. It is proposed to have two general meetings in the year. Each member to contribute to it annually not less than thirty-fix francs. The minister of the interior, and feveral members of the National Institute, as well as of other learned focieties, have fet an example, by fubscribing the first for an establishment, all the efforts of which will conduce to the public prosperity, and will be a monument raised by the national spirit to the glory of French industry. This society held a general fitting, in which, after having agreed upon the plan of their organization, they nominated Citizen CHAPTAL, Minifter of the Interior, Prefident; and FRO-CHOT, Prefect of the Department of the Seine, Vice president; they likewise appointed the Committees of Disbursements, of the Mechanical Arts, of the Chemical Arts, of Agriculture, of the Arts relative to Domestic Economy, and of those relative to Commerce.

[The following Communication came to hand too late to appear in its proper place, and we were unwilling to defer it on account of the interesting nature of its contents.]

To the Editor of the Monthly Magazine.

INDING amongst my astronomical friends as well as in the public in general a very high degree of folicitude refpecting the appearance, fituation, and other attendant circumstances of the newlydiscovered planet, the Ceres Ferdinandia, I think it right to fend to your useful Magazine the latest situation amongst the neighbouring stars, that the month will admit; that your readers may be enabled by a common night-glass, or a pocket telescope and a little attention, to ascertain it. If an imaginary line is drawn from the flar Theta Leonis, through Beta or the Lion's Tail, and continued to the fame distance to the left a little above that termination, a cluster of stars will be feen forming an equilateral triangle; the two western most stars being of the fourth magnitude, and the other point of the triangle formed by a star of very minute fize. This last star forms also a smaller equilateral triangle with two stars of minute fize, nearer to it than the larger ones

(of the fourth magnitude). The Ceres, on the fifteenth inftant (March) was to the east of the smaller point of the equilateral triangle; I faw it on that evening, and have regularly traced it on the fixteenth, twentieth, twenty-first, twentyfecond, and this evening, the twentyfifth, when it is arrived between the two western-most stars of the fourth magnitude. By continuing this line, it will be very eafily perceived, for several evenings to

The Planet appears as large as most of the stars in its neighbourhood. It is calculated to be about half as large as the moon; and to be one third of the distance between Mars and Jupiter from the fun.

It performs its period round the fun in four and a half of our years.

Discovered by M. Piazzi, of Palermo, in Sicily, on the first of January, 1801. It has been named Ceres Ferdinandia, in honour of the Goddess of Corn, the Protectress of Sicily, and the reigning Monarch of that island and Naples.

I have examined this Planet with magnifying powers from forty to one thoufand times, but hesitate in afferting, that I can fee it with a dife or decifive magnitude, as I can the Georgium Sidus.

42, Conduit fireet, I am, Sir, Hanover-square, Your's, &c. W. WALKER, March 25th, 1802. Lecturer on the Eidouranion.

The following is the Right Ascension and Declination of the Planet, by M. Zach, at Gotha, for the Commencement of the next Month; and a Map of the Stars, as described in the foregoing Paper.

		Rt. Ascension in Times.	Rt. Ascension in Degrees.	Declination North.	4	2.5	March, 1802.
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# ACCOUNT OF THE DISEASES IN LONDON,

From the 20th of February to the 20th of March.

Admitted under the Care of the Physicians of the Finsbury Dispensary.

			No. of C	afes.	No. of Cases.
TYPHUS	-	-	-	34	Scrophula 8
Peripneumonia	Notha	-	-	4	Opthalmia 7
Catarrhus -	-	-		13	Morbi Infantiles 32
Rheumatismus		-		0	Diarrhœa 19
Tuffis cum Dyfpno	ea ,			25	Phthisis is by no means a prevalent dif-
Pathifis Pulmona	is		-	11	ease in London, at least among the lower
Hæmoptoe	-	-	-	2	class of its inhabitants. Several instances
Dyfpepfia -	•	-	-	18	of it, however, have occurred fince the
Hypochondriafis Hæmorrhois		•		5	publication of the last report.
Menorrhagia	-	•	-	7	It is not reasonable to believe, that a tu-
Fluor Albus	-	-		8	bercular affection of the lungs has ever yet
Amenorrhæa	•	•	-	6	been radically cured, or that it ever will be
A Cois-	•	-	-	28	been radically cured, of that it ever will
Ascites -	-	-		2	by any future melioration or advancement
Anafarca -	-		-	7	of the medical art. The remedies, fuch as
Epilepsia -	• '	-		5	digitalis, milk diet, failing, fwinging, living
Hysteria -	•		•	3	in a cow-house, &c. may alleviate the

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troublesome symptoms of the disease, and retard its progress towards a satal conclusion; but it is merely because all of them possess in common the property of moderating the rapidity of the circulation, and of deducting from a morbid excess of irritability.

It is not unlikely that the atmosphere of a cow-house, may be of advantage to a phthisical patient from the mildness of its temperature, but still more in consequence of its being in a considerable degree de-oxygenated, by the carbonated and azotic exhalations from the lungs and skin of its vaccine inhabitants.

Diseases of a similar outward appearance, are often consounded as to their cause and essential nature. Pulmonic assections, such as cough, dissiculty of breathing, pain and oppression on the breast, with other concomitant symptoms, when they occur in young persons, generally imply a too great susceptibility of the lungs, and of course require a proportionate subtraction of external stimulus. In order to preserve the due state of excitement, the strength of the exciting power ought invariably to be lowered in the same degree, as the constitutional excitability is raised above the proper standard.

In consequence of this circumstance it will be generally found, that in consumptive cases which occur at an early period of life, the aerial contamination of London will prove more wholesome and salutary, than even the pure and virgin breezes of the country. The flame of human life, like that of a common fire, will burn longer, although not so bright, in an air which possesses a small, than in that which is over-charged with a superabundant proportion of its vital ingredient.

On the other hand, the asthmas and catarrhs of the advanced in life, being for the most part connected with a reduced excitability, require and are uniformly relieved by a seasonable departure from the metropolis.\* The influence of the air will appear highly important, when we consider that it operates upon us incessantly, without even a momentary intermission; and that it is imbibed not merely by the lungs, but also by every one of

the myriad of mouths that open upon the furface of the body.

A remarkable case has lately occurred of a general eruption and discoloration of the skin, attended with an almost intolerable itching, which, according to the patient's account of it, seems to have originated from a violent shock she received from the sudden and unexpected death of a beloved friend, that was accompanied with circumstances of peculiar horror. She never was affected in a similar manner before, and her present cutaneous disease came on without any other apparent cause, almost immediately after the melancholy event alluded to.

Typhus has once more affumed a very formidable aspect; and threatens, as the fummer heat advances, to spread its pestilential influence ftill more widely among the poor inhabitants of this crowded capital .- This difease has already been so much the subject of observation, that it is scarcely necessary or even possible, to say much more of any importance with regard to it. After the stomach and intestines have been thoroughly cleanled, there can be no doubt that wine and washing are the cardinal remedies. The doles of the former ought to be regulated, in a certain degree, by the constitution and previous habits of the patient. It should, however, be remarked, that this remedy is in general both too scantily and too tardily administered. In fever, the time is so short in which any thing effectual can be done; that it is the incumbent and urgent duty of a physician, to waste not a single instant, in delaying to act with that degree of energy, which is proportionate to the malignant nature of the difease, and to the alarming rapidity of its progress. The tearful and teeble practitioner who lets his patient die, is as much to be censured, as if he had actually put him to death by the rafhness and extreme violence of his treatment. Between positive and negative murder, there exists no important moral distinction.

With regard to the washing of the patient, the reporter thinks it right to remark, that in a great variety of trials, he has found more benefit and less inconvenience from the application of tepid than of cold water. By tepid, he means water warmed only so far, as not to excite any sensation either of heat or cold. It as merely as an ablution, which clears the skin of that invisible fifth which is calculated not merely to protract and aggravate, but even to induce the existence of sever in the constitution. This, in a still greater degree, must be the case, when, as

In these remarks, the author will appear to have adopted, to a certain extent, the theory of the celebrated Brown. However imperfect and unfinished this theory may be in some respects, the division of all the general diseases of the system into sthemic and assertance, is so clearly just, as to preclude even the possibility of rational disputation.

in typhus, the perspirable matter is itself contagious, and, of course, if suffered to remain and accumulate, cannot fail to rea? upon the patient and thus lengthen the period and augment the danger of the difease.

Tepid water is better adapted than cold, for diminishing heat as well as other febrile symptoms, in proportion as it is more effectual in cleanfing the Ikin, and producing a falutary evaporation from its furface. Hence it is, that in some cases warm ablution proves a more powerful refrigerant than cold.

It is not impossible that this remark may excite the same degree of disapprobation and censure, as have fallen to the lot of fome others that have occurred in these re-

In consequence of the freedom with which he has advanced opinions, the refult of much reflection and widely ex-

tended observation, the reporter has subjected himself to invectives the most bitter. and to calumnies the most cruel and unjust. To these calumnies and invectives, he will content himfelf with replying in the words of a manly and spirited writer.

" If I have hazarded any thing new, or contrary to received opinions, it has been from a thorough conviction of its truth, however dangerous to fame and fortnne, both which I know are more easily acquired by complying with the world, than attempting to reform it : but it must be somebody equally indifferent to both, as I am, who will venture to tell fuch truths as are more likely to recoil and hurt the author, than to convince and conciliate the buik of mankind."

See Dr. Cadogan's Differtation on the Gout and all Chronic Difeates.

East-freet, Red Lion-Square, March 25, 1802.

J. R.

## ALPHABETICAL LIST of BANKRUPTCIES and DIVIDENDS announced between the 20th of Feb. and the 20th of March extrasted from the London Gazettes.

#### BANKRUPTCIES.

(The Solicitors' Names are between Parentheses)

ARBUTHNOT, Alex. and Richard Brachen, Philpot lane, tendon, and Birmingham, merchants. (Swain and Stevens, Old Jewry)

Allen, Peter, Nantwich, innholder. (Royle, Chefter) Anderson, John. Church street, Southwark, twine-spinner.

(Lowton, Gray's inn)
Bakewell, Rob. Grydges ffreet, Covent garden, coffee-house keeper. (Jennings, Great Shire lane) keeper. (Jennings, Great Shire lane)
Bleafe, Ralpn, Liverpool, grocer. (Williamson, Liverpool)
Butler, Wm. Weldon, linen-draper. (Field, Friday street)
Bower, Edward, New Mills. Derbyshire, cotton-spinner.
(Duckworth and Chippendall, Manchester)
Bottle, Robert, formerly of Woolwich, excise-officer, afterwards of Warren street, Fitzroy square, late of Great
Warner street, Clerkenwell green, diffiller, &c. (Barnes,
Clissord's inn)

Clifford's inn)

Chiford's inn)
Bickerton, Sarah, Great Yarmouth, hofier. (Swain and Stevens, Old Jewry)
Bits. Thomas, Wellbeck fireet, auctioneer, &c. (Walthew, Lower Seymour fireet)
Comber, Bichard, Lewes, watchmaker. (Palmerland Pugh, Bartlett's buildings)
Collier, William Leigh, within Pennington, corn-dealer. Windle, Bartlett's buildings)
Clegg, Samuel, Joseph, and John Whitby, Liverpool, mer-

windle, Bartlett's buildings)
Clegs, Samuel, Joseph, and John Whitby, Liverpool, merchants. (Greaves, Liverpool)
Cobb, John, Wisbeach, St. Peters, in the Isle of Ely, mill-wright. (Wortham and Stephenson, Castle street, Hollborn)

Coombs, Ebenezer, St. James's Areet, Aationer. (Harman,

Combs, Ebenezer, St. James's fireet, flationer. (Harman, Wine office court, Fleet fireet)
Clegs, John, and John Prince, Watling fireet, Warehousemen. (Hurft, Furnival's inn)
Collings, Henry, and Richard Tresaud Gifford, St. Philip and Jacob. Gloucefterfhire, fkinners and glue-makers. (Bladford and Sweet, Temple)
Dike, George, Abingdon fireet shoemaker. (Brown, Little Friday fireet)
Doaldson, Robert, Liverpool, haberdasher. (Batten and Ansie, Temple)
Dyer, Jonah, Wotton-under-edge. Gippoing machine makers

Andie, Temple)
Dyer, Jonah, Wotton-under-edge, spinning machine-maker.
Price and Williams, Lincoln's inm;
Du Bois, John Frederick, and James (firm, Williams, John
Frederick, and James Du Hous) Aiderman's Walk, merthants. (Harman, Wine Office court)
Zvery, Samuel, Liverpool, ship-chandler. (Windle, Bartlett's buildings)

Eme. John, Stoneyhurft, cotton-spinner. (Edge, Man-Forgan, Robert, Salford, cottou-manufacturer. (Edge, Manchetter) Fraier, Houry, Nightingale lane, grocer. (Parather and son, London freet)

Guyer, Richard, Gracechurch freet, hatter. (Meffrs.

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Gill, George, Warrington, merchant. (Blackfock, Temple)
Graham, Launcelot, William and Thomas, Liverpool, merchants. (Cooper and Lowe, Southampton buildings)
Green. John, Cumberland fireet, Curtain road, butcher. Wild, Warwick figuare)
Hearris. Henry, Waller row, Lambeth, umbrella-maker. (Willett and Annefley, Finsbury figuare)
Horfley, Matthew Coates, formerly of Calcutts, now of Brad fireet, London, partner with George Gowar and Thomas Gowar, merchants. (Newell, Effex fireet)
Hope, Benry, Liverpool, woollen-draper. (Palmer and Tomlinton, Warnford court)
Hatfield, John Weftby, Falmouth, warehouseman. (Carpenter and Guy, New jin)
Hobart, John, Warwick fireet, Golden square, musical infrumen, maker. (Fraser, Gray's inn)
Hunter, Peter, Durham, scrivener. (Raine and Wrangham, Scathing lane)
Harris, Losent, Holywell freet, Strand, Glesman, (Rev-

Seathing lane)

Harris, Joseph, Holywell freet, Strand, falefman. (Bexwell, George fireet, Minories, and Keys, James court, Eury fireet, St. Mary Axe)
Howett, John, St. Martin's lane, carpenter and builder. (Richardion, New inn)

Johnson, Thomas, Ouze-Fleet, near Howden, Yorkshire, (Huxley, Temple)
Johnson, Joseph, Mancheser, merchant. (Cheshyre and Walker, Manchester)

Walker, Manchefter)
Keeves, John, Chandos freet. Covent garden. (Johnson, Southampton court, Queen's fquare)
Kington, James. Duke freet, Manchefter fquare, furgeon, &c. (Walthew, Lower, Seymour ffreet)
Kindon, John, Briffel, cabinet-maker. (Blandford and Sweet, London)

Lyon, James, Savage gardens, merchant. (Atchefon, El; place) Like, Thomas, Old Brompton, Middlefex, builder. (Har-

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Lewes, John. Lower Burgh. Cherley, cotton-spinner. (Wilson. Castle court. Holboru)
Mc Garry, Michael, Bell Wharf, Shadwe'l, vidualler and floo-felies. (Beetham, Bouvrie freet, Floet freet)
Milne, Richard Rochdale, scrivener. (Sykes, New inn)
Maskery, William, Lane-end, Stafford, mercer. (Mathews and Good, Gough square)
Morris, William, Liverpool, grocer. (Elackstock, Temple)
Mc Kannan Gilbert, Liverpool, ironmonger. (Windle, Bartlett's buildings)
Maunder, Robert, Exeter, wine-merchant. (Sykes, New

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Mills. John, Macclesfield, bat-manufacturer. (Sudlow and Richardson, Monument yard)
Math. John, Ayltham, Norfolk, merchant. (Townsend, Staples int)
Newton, Samuel, Mancheffer, cornfactor. (Duckworth and

Chippendal, Manchester) Newlan, Newlan, James, 'partner with John Fifth, junior' New-caftle-upon Tyne, foap-maker. (Shelton, Seffions House,

parquet, Emanuel, Somer's Town, diffiller. (Seymour, Margaret freet, Cavendift fquare) Pedlar, Henry, Bath, woollen-draper. (Richardson, New

Platt, George, Weaky in Saddleworth, clothier. (Battye,

Palmer, Worral, Holbeach, draper, &c. (Mafon, Curfitor freet)

Pierfor, George, Cockermouth, woollen-manufacturer. Wordfworth, Staples inn) Rothwell, John, Nottingham, hofier. (Rider, 123, Fetter

Reppon. Robert, Liverpool, merchant. (Swain and Stevens,

Ruffell, Edward, Maidstone, hop-merchant. (Atkinson, Chancery Jane) Starey, Thomas, Newgate fireet, linen-draper. (Brown, Little Friday fireet)

Simpfon, Joseph, Colchester, brazier. (Sanderson, Palf-grave place)

stewart, Adam, Liverpool, merchant. (Ellames, Liverpool)
stockwell, Charles, Shelf, Halifax, fcribbling-miller; Cha.
Hemingway, Leeds, roper; James Haigh, Shelf, farmer;
Sarauel Stockwell, Halifax, yeoman; John Baker, Leeds,
dyer; and John Rogerion, Leeds, dyer, (trading under
the firm of Stockwell and Co.) (Gleadhill, Lothbury)

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Swainfon, Richard, and John Gardner, Liverpool, grocers.
(Blackfock, Temple)
Strickland, Thomas, and Swinton, C. Holland, Liverpool, merchants. (Keightley, Liverpool)
Scott, Charles Elliot, Upper Berkeley fireet, bookfeller.
(Smith and Henderfon, Great Prefcott fireet)
Twamley, Edw. Swanfea, baker. (Kenderley, Long, and Incr. Symond's inn)

Tuce, Symond's inn)
Taylor, John, and John Hudson, Bordesley, near Birming-ham, factors and locksmiths. (Swain and Stevens, Old

Jewry) Underwood, John, Great Maribro' freet. (Hannum, Piazza Chambers, Covent garden

Wallis, John Eglenton, Colchefter, merchant. (Sanderfon,

Palkrave place)
Winton, Philip, Jamaica House, Bermondsey, victualler (Bastett, Webber row, Blackfriars)
Wainwright, John, Liverpool, gun-maker. (Blackflock,

Temple)
Williams, William, Cowbridge, shopkeeper. (Lewes and James, Gray's inn)
Wallis, James, junior, Bristol, biscuit-baker. (Kinderley, Long, and Ince, Symond's inn)
Williams, Henry, Crickhowell, Brecon, scrivener. (Jones and Page, Nag's Heart court, Grace Church street)
Wrigg, William, Manchester, liquor-merchant. (Ellis, Curstor freet)

Webb, Charles, Bromferove, ferivener. (Neeld and Flad-gale, Norfolk fireet) Williamion, Thomas, Holbeach, grocer. (Baxters and Mar in, Furnival's inn)

Arthur, Belper, Derbyftire, baker. (Lowton,

Temple) Woodal, Picket Row, Cumberland, hatter. (Pearfon, Sta-Wiedbridge, Stephen, New Brentford, stationer. (Mills,

Ely place Williams, Griffith, Tooley freet, cheefemonger. (Parker,

Palmer, and Cuppage, Effex freet)
Wordon, Robert, Pincock-mill, miller. (Blackflock, Temple)
Yendole, John. Wed Monckton, Somerfetfhire, mealman. Yendole, John. West Mon LReeks, Welfelore square

Recks, Welfelore (quare)
Young, Thomas, Ripon, grocer. (Lodington, Secondaries office, Temple)

#### DIVIDENDS ANNOUNCED.

Afhdale, Samuel, Bloffom ffreet, Spital fields, cooper,

Affecton, Tho: Nelson, Liverpool, merchant, &c. March 22 Affectoff, Wm. Knowsley, earthenware-manufacturer.

Armitage, Rich. New Pond freet, ironmonger, April 3
Airis, Joi. and Wm. Taylor, Oxford, corn-dealers, April 8
Buddle, Wm. junior, Chimes freet, St. Giles's, carpenter,
May 10

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Boubyer, Wm. Eriftol, malfier, March 29
hullivant, Abraham, Solyhall, victualler, April 19
Beaumont, Rish and Stephen Vickerman, Healy Butts,
South Crofsland, clothiers, March 24

Beaumout, Win. Healy Butts, South Crofsland, clothier,

Rollie, Tho. Temple, and John Robson, Crutched-friars, Rowness, Tho. and George Padmore, Wimbledon, callico-

Tiniers, May Baker, Tho. and John Sherland, Exeter, woollen-drapers,

Basker, Jonathan, Cannon fireet, fugar-factor, May, 1 Bower, Charles, Carey freet, ferivener, April 30 Howers Edward, and Arthur Reid, Bedford fireet, Covent

carden, taylors, April 23
Fade Wm. and Wm. Storey, Preston, joiners, &c. jointly
and separately, April 6
Epic, Wm. Brisol. linen-draper, April 15
Ewith, John, junior, Monkwearmouth-shore, butcher,
April 2

Clasp. Charles, Exeter, ironmonger, March 15 Clawles, Charles, North Audley ffreet, upholder, May 15

Cunningham, Wm. Great Prescott street, wine-merchant, &c. March 23
Cooke, Sarnuel, Junior, Marlbro', clothier, March 25
Chamley, Tho. Liverpool, earthenware-dealer, surviving partner of Jonathan Dixon, deceased, April 5
Clark, Andrew, Liverpool, merchant, April 5
Court, Charlotte, and Alex. Webster Court, Red Lian street, Clerkenwell, merchants, May 4
Churley, Matthew, Tokenhouse yard, sactor, April 30
Eccles, Tho. and Barnard Tho. Holbrook, Watling street, warehousemen, March 6
Eglin, Septimus, and Sarah Pepys, Chiswest street, bookfeller, April 24

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Emet. John, Hedder within Aighton, cotton-spinner, April 5
Friend, John, Bermondsey street, fell-monger, March 23
Flower, Francis, St. Paul's Church yard, haberdasher, May:
Fozard, James, senior, Letitia, and James the younger,
Park lane, stable-keeper, April 6
Farmer, Thomas, Coventry, sadier, April 7
Franco, Abram, Haim, America square, merchant, April 13
Green, Wm. Crooked lane, warehouseman, April 3
Golding, Joseph, Bridport, twine-maker, March 17
Goodrich, Lemuel, Leicester, hosier, March 19
Gates, Rich, Saffron hill, baker, May 8
Galliers, Jane, St. John street, West Smithfield, baker,
May 11

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Gadd, Emanuel, Taunton, druggift, April 19
Hale, Wm. Monmouth, timber-merchaut, March 22
Hughes, Tho. Liverpool, taylor, April 7
Hoade, Tho. Chertfey, dealer, March 23
Hilfead, Rich. Horfham, victualler, May 4
Hartfink, John Cafper, Julius Hutchinfon, and Wm. Plays
fair, Corphill, bankers, April 20

fair, Cornhill, bankers, April 30 Hopwood, Daniel, Union fireet, St. Mary le bone, grocer,

Hopwood, Daniel, Union street, St. Mary le bone, grocer, April 3
Hall, Edward, Rochester, Taylor, &c. April 30
Hawke, Francis, Shemeld, filesmith, April, 14
Hoade, Thomas, Chertley, dealer, March 1
Hoyte, Henry, Ilminster, grocer, &c. April 16
Ireland, Wim. (Ireland, Calvert, and Co.) Lancaster, merchants, separate estate, March 18
Ireland, Wim. Nath. Calvert, James Overend, and Corney Tomlinson, Lancaster, merchants, April 12
Ireland, Calvert, Overend, and Tomlinson, Lancaster, merchants, separate estate of Nathaniel Calvert, April 12
Ireland, Calvert, Overend, and Tomlinson, Lancaster, merchants, separate estate of Corney Tomlinson, May 17
Johnston, James, parish of St. James, Westminster, brewer, May 1

Johnson, James, parado May 1
Jones, Hannah, Dolgoch, malfter, April 9
Jacob, Harry and Joseph, Milford, ship-builders, April 13
Kemble, Samuel, and Wallerspens, Norfolk fireet, merchants, separate estate of Wallerspens, March 4
Kohne, Nicholas, And Boyson, and John C. Shalch, Bisshopfgate fireet, merchants, March 10
Knowles, James Greenhead, Hudderssield merchant, April 14
Leever, Armand, Finch lane, merchant, March 13
Le Legg, Shields, Portica, shoemaker, March 27
Levy, Israel, Lambeth road, merchant, April 3

Le Legg, Shields, Portfea, shoemaker, March 27
Levy, Ifrael, Lambeth road, merchant, April 3
Lamb, Wm. Manchester, druggist, April 12
Morville, George, Lancaster, merchant, March 15
Meredith, James, Hereford, linen-draper March 23
Malcolm, Samuel, Old Broad street, broker, April 3
Newall, Tho. Duckenfield, cotton-manufacturer, March 17
Nalder, Francis, Snavesbrook, victualler, March 23
Newman, Thomas, Exeter Change, optician, April 3
Obbins, Silvester, junior, Boston, carpenter, March 23
Ollenranshaw, Wm. Statford, shoemaker, April 5
Perry, Robert, and T. Andrews, George Brewhouse, Hackney, brewers, March 13
Perreirei, Ab. Mendes, and Hermenegild Castellan, Old
Bethlem, merchants, March 23
Partington, James, Fen court, Fenchurch street, merchant,
April 3

April 3 Philip, Hambly Robert, Flushing, Cornwall, warehouseman, March 24

man, March 24
Parfonage, Samuel, Manchester, Plumber, &c. April 29
Randall, Chadd, Liverstock green, coal-merchant, March 36
Roberts, Henry, Standen, John Roberts, Newport, and
Mark Gregory. King's Arms yard, bankers, March 22
Rackstraw. Joteph. Henley on Thames, grocer, April 3
Rawson, John, Leicester, hatter and hosier, March 36
Routhledge, John and William, Manchester, cotton-spinners, April 14
Richardson, Jasper, Carliste, grocer, April 21
Royle, Jeremiah, and Thomas Peach, Manchester, cottonmanufacturers, April 15
Shepherd, Tho. Osborne, Dorfet, miller, &c. March 16
Stanton, Tho. Ironmonger lane, factor, May 1
Stewart, Wim. Doncaster, hawker, April 3
Shivers, Tho Nicholas lane, merchant, June 12
Shaw, James, Tongewitte Haulgh, whither, April 3
Smith, Robert, the younger, late of London, merchant,
April 3
Troughton, Edge, and Wim. Carshalton, taylors, March 27

Troughton, Edw. and Wm. Carshalton, taylors, March 27 Weller, Wm. Waterley, Deptford, miller, May 15 White, James, and Jonas Fish, junior, Devizes, clothiers,

White, James, and Jonas Fish, jumor, Devizes, County, March 25
Williams, John, Abinedon, carrier, May I
Williams, Griffith, Pentre Gwataney, scrivener, April 3
Wood, John, Hayhead, Stashord, mainer, April 19
Walker, James, Manchester, cotton-manutacturer, April 20
Wells, Tho junior, Robertsbridge, ironworker, April 12
Wood, Abraham, Scotland yard, victualier, April 16
Wienbolt, John Birket, Old Swan, merchant, surviving parmer of Sarah Wienbolt, April 24
Yates, Tho, Stockport, partner with Tha, Lewes, late of Manchester, muslin-manusacturers, April 10

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# STATE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS,

In March, 1802.

FRANCE.

E many of the late measures of the Chief Conful, particularly his acquisition of the island of Elba from Tuscany, and his election to the Prefidency of the Italian Republic; but the diffatisfaction will probably terminate for the present in empty

The French Minister of Police, Fouché, has sent a letter to a Prefect of one of the departments (a fimilar letter in all probability has been fent to every other Prefect) relative to the emigrants. frictest vigilance is enforced with respect to them; "and though my instructions upon this subject," fays the Minister, "have always been so precise as to render it unnecessary to add any thing to them at present, it is proved that it is not useless to

repeat them."

The French Government have made uncommon efforts to complete the remainder of the armament, which they have destined to the West Indies. Spain and Holland have been rendered tributary to this important object; and, notwithstanding the different squadrons which have failed from various ports of France, Spain, and Holland, there is another expedition for Guadaloupe, preparing at Brest, so that the plan for the restoration of order on the other fide of the Atlantic is executing with a promptness and vigour which are

likely to infure it fuccefs.

The French Journals received on the 18th of March contain dispatches from General Leclerc and Admiral Villaret of the 9th of February, with full details respecting the expedition to St. Domingo, where it has been necessary to use forceagainst Toussaint, notwithstanding the supposed understanding between the French Government and the Negro-chief. From these dipatches it appears, that when the squadron arrived off Guadaloupe, they learned the events that had occurred there, and thence the General and Admiral, fearing opposition, concerted measures accordingly. The failors and troops were feparated into three divisions—the first under the orders of Rear-admiral Latouch, to debark at Port-au-prince a corps of the army, the command of which the General in Chief gave to General Rauder; the fecond to serve under the orders of Captain Magon; to debark at the Bay of Manceville, the division of General Rochambeau, and to second his a tack upon Fort MONTHLY MAG. No. 85.

Dauphin; the rest of the naval force, and the forces that General Leclerc had re. ferved, to the Cape and the neighbouring quarters, the most important points in the

colony.

General Rochambeau, on the 2d of February, debarked at Maloniere, and was opposed by a crowd of Blacks, who were however foon difperfed, and the army took possession of Fort Liberty, where they found 150 pieces of cannon; and, among the papers of the place, the orders of Touffaint, to fink all thips that might ap-

pear, and to hold out to the last.

On the 1st of February, Leclerc, General in Chief, and the Admiral, with the greatest part of the army and navy, arrived off the battery of Picolet. A cutter approaching it, received the whole force of the battery. A Mulatto, named Sangos, exercifing the office of Captain of the Port at the Cape, went, however, on board the Ocean, the Admiral's ship: but, instead of consenting to pilot her into the Cape, he declared that the Black General Christophe had ordered him to acquaint the Commander, that the Whites would be massacred, and the city set on fire, the instant the squadron attempted the harbour, if the French refused to wait the return of a courier, whom he had fent to Toussaint Louverture. The General in Chief, Leclerc, wished to write to Christophe, to inform him of the friendly intentions of the Chief Conful, and to attempt to bring him back to his duty, by explaining what was due to a foldier and a Frenchman. Enfign Lebrun was charged with this delicate mission; the Captain of the Port was kept on board; and the fleet flood off and on. On the 4th, Enfign Lebrun brought back the answer of General Christophe, containing an absolute refufal to receive the army, and a positive refolution to burn the city, in case the French perfifted. Christophe had formally declared that he would receive no orders but from Touffaint. A deputation of the inhabitants of the Cape went also on board the French Admiral, begging him to defift, as the city would be otherwise destroyed. In the mean time, the twentyfour hours requelled for the answer of Tousfaint elapfed, while all private accounts agreed that he was in the city, or at least in the neighbourhood, the invisible spring of all the movements that had taken place. The General in Chief then fent back the deputation, ordering the Mayor to read to

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his fellow-citizens the proclamation of the Chief Conful, and explain to them the perfidious intentions of their Chiefs :-Cæfar Telemachus, a Negro, performed that duty with the most heroic courage. From that moment it was necessary to give up all hopes of faving the city. While the debarkation was going on from the frigates, two ships were ordered to prefent themselves at the entrance of the harbour, to draw upon them the attention of the enemy. A fire of cannon and bombs was immediately opened on these vessels. The approach of night obliged the fleet to retire from the coaft, when the reflection from the horizon announced that the city was on fire, and the French troops were obliged the whole night to witness this scene, without being able to lend any affiffance. On the following day, the French Admiral, taking advantage of the first breeze, made for the harbour, ordering all the ships to follow him. The forts were abandoned, and the squadron anchored at the Mole without damage. The fhips' crews were immediately difembarked. The French troops arrived in time to fave the lower parts of the city, other corps of them having taken possession of all the country between the Cape and Fort Dauphin.

At three in the afternoon of the 4th the General reached Port Margot. The difembarkation was effected near that of The enemy had one battery, which played upon the French, but they landed without lofs. The advanced guard reached the river about two o'clock. General Christophe was posted within half a league of them, at Morne-English; General Hardy, with his division, moved to that point: at half a league on the road to the Cape, he met the incendiaries, who had come to fet fire to the settlements. General Leclerc arrived with the advanced guard at the Cape, to put an end to the firing kept up between the troops difembarked and the blacks. The rebels, however, had fet fire to the Cape Town by General Christophe's orders. Two expeditions were on their march for Port-de-

Paix and the Mole.

The Proclamation of the Chief Conful to the inhabitants of St. Domingo, affores them of their freedom being fecured, whatever be their origin, or whatever their colour ; flates, that all nations have respected the French, that faction had ceased at Berne, dated the 1st of March, which home; and recommends to them to receive states, that this Republic has at length the French as friends and brothers. "The another Constitution affigned to it, by Government (proceeds this document) which it would appear, theoretically, to fends you the Captain General Leclerc: be more independent of France than herehe has brought with him a strong force tofore; but its practice yet remains to be

and the enemies of the Republic. If you are told these forces are destined to wrest from you your liberty, answer, the Republic will not permit it to be taken from us."

In the ridiculous letter of Bonaparte to Touffaint, written in the REGAL STILE, he announces the appointment of his (" our") brother-in-law, Leclerc, as Captain General and Chief Magistrate of the Colony, and affures Touffaint of his ("our") esteem and sense of the eminent fervices rendered by him to the French people. General Leclerc, notwithitanding the opposition of Toussaint, sent him his children, whom he carried out from France, along with the Chief Conful's letter, and at the same time made known to him that he would take on himfelf to

receive his jubmission.

The Definitive Treaty, which may be expected foon to arrive at the Court of St. James's, is faid, in the official French paper, the Moniteur, to have been acceded to by all parties for more than a fortnight, and the delay of the ratification is thrown upon the British Minister. This, with the exception of a few points, may probably have been the case; but we believe that both the French and English Governments have been alike disposed to procraftination; the former, that it may take advantage of the Hanoverian dispute concerning the German indemnities; and the latter, because so great is the change in the power of France fince the commencement of the discussion upon the Treaty, that it would feem but equitable that the basis of the Preliminaries should, in some measure, vary also, and in favour of Great Britain. We have afferted, that France has gained a large accession of important territory during the negotiation itself, and has consequently added, in a greater degree, to the danger arising from her gigantic and enormous bulk, than the has ever attained from the conquests of the most splendid campaign of which she can boalt.

The Vice-president of the Italian Republic has published a decree, by which the French Calendar is abolished, and the old, or Gregorian, Calendar is restored, " out of respect to the habits of the people, and especially for religious worship."

SWITZERLAND. Authentic intelligence is arrived from for protecting you against your enemies proved. Its chief officers are not yet appointed: pointed: General Thureau is still in the Valais. The following are the leading features of the New Constitution:—The Helvetic Republic is one.—Every Citizen has the right of settling in any Canton of the Republic, and of exercising all the civil and political rights in the same manner as the Citizens of the canton.

Berne is the capital of Helvetia. The Helvetic territory is divided into 21 cantons. The ecclefiastical property in general can be employed only for establishments of religious instruction, or of charity.

There is a Central Administration of the Bepublic for the exercise of the National Sovereignty, and an Administration of the Cantons. The Administration of the Cantons is composed of a Diet and a Senate. The Diet is formed by the union of Representatives from all the cantons, in the following proportions :- Berne 6, Zunch 2, Lucerne 5, Uri 1, Schwitz 3, Underwalden 1, Zug 1, Glarus 1, Soleure 2, Fribourg 3, Bafle 2, Shaff haufen 1, Appenzel 2, Saint Gall 4, Turgovia 2, Argovia 2, Baden 2, Vaud 4, Grisons 1, Tessin 3, Valais 2-Total 50 Representatives. The Members of the Diet remain five years in office. The Diet is to affemble regularly every year on the 1st of March. It shall be extraordinarily convoked by the Senate when the majority of the cantons require it, or when itself shall judge that measure necessary. The Prefident of the Diet shall be the Landamtman who is not in office. He has a cafting vote, in case the votes shall be equally divided. A deputation of four Members from the Senate shall assist at the Diet, and shall take part in its deliberations, but without having a right to vote.

The Senate is composed of two Landamimans, two Stadtholders or Lieutenants, and twenty-fix Counfellors. Eacheanton must have at least one Member in in it. The Senate forms the projects of laws and regulations; and fubmits them to the fanction of the cantons. The two Landamtmans and their Lieutenants have the direction of foreign affairs. The Senate names and recalls diplomatic agents, on a proposition from the Landamtmans. The Landamtman in office is to receive a falary of 16,000 livres, Swifs currency; the second Landamtman, his two Lieutenants, and the Members of the Petty Council, 6000 livres; those of the Senate 4000. The Senate may adjourn for three months. During this interval the Petty Council exercises the executive power.

For intelligence from St. Domingo fee the article France.

Let our West India planters, flavetraders, merchants, and all those who have so long and so obstinately supported the traffic in the flesh and blood of their fellow-men, read the awful intelligence from St. Domingo, and tremble! Although the whites may again be partially successful; yet, from the frequent and vigorous rifings of infulted humanity, in the persons of the blacks, it is not improbable that destruction ere long will overwhelm those, whose hearts have been so completely feeled against every principle of justice and mercy, and who appear to have adopted the maxim of the Chief Conful for their motto .- "Where flavery has been established, it shall remain established."

TURKEY.

Authentic intelligence has arrived from Constantinople, dated the 25th of January, announcing from the last letters from Alexandria, that the English troops continued to occupy that place; their Commandant having strictly forbidden any vessel from leaving the port, and Turkish ships were also forbidden to enter it.

The murder of the Pacha of Belgrade has made a great impression on the Sultaun, and several Councils of State have been held in consequence. It is now considently said, that an army of 60,000 men will march immediately against Paswan Oglou, and the insurgents in Belgrade. Whether the Captain Pacha will command this army is, as yet, uncertain.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The buftle of hostile preparations is still continued; a new preis has commenced on the Thames, as well as in leveral of our fea-ports; a number of thips ordered to be paid off have received counter directions; and others, which were only on the stocks, are completing with all expedition. Marquis Cornwallis has certainly been instructed to demand an instantaneous and categorical answer as to the chief points in difpute, and to quit the feat of negociation in case of no reply, or a manifest intention to delay the fignature of the Definitive Treaty any longer. In the actual circumstances of the times all this is highly commendable, and we have no doubt will be productive of a happy iffue, for an immediate ratification will be the confequence; the imbecility of every party, and on this the whole of our hopes depend, must prevent the renewal of hostilities.

Prussia has delivered an answer to the Elector of Hanover, upon the subject of the indemnities. His Prussian Majesty adheres to his former principles of carrying into execution the plan of indemnifications, by means of fecularizations. He feems by no means inclined to accede to the claims made in the Hanoverian note, and hints, that "to carry the proposed plan into execution, without delay, is of the utmost importance to the tranquillity and fafety of the empire; but that this can never be done, if obstacles to it are continually produced by particular claims and pretentions to ecclefiaftical territories, as it is well known that fcarcely any territory exists in Germany to which such claims may not be made, the protracted discussion of which may occafion the most serious inquiry to the Em-

pire in general."

The principal buliness of the Imperial Parliament has been as follows: -On the 17th of February the Chancellor of the Exchequer moved, That a Select Committee be appointed to take into confideration the feveral accounts prefented to the House by him, pursuant to his Majesty's Civil Lift, and that they do report as appears to them. Mr. Sutton (Attorney General to the Prince of Wales) observed, that the revenues of the Duchy of Cornwall were vested in the Prince of Wales, from the moment of his birth. He stated, that the accumulation during the minority of the Prince, namely, from 1761 to 2783, would have amounted to 400,000l. The expence incurred for the education of his Royal Highness might be estimated at 100,000l. leaving a furplus of 300,000l. which, if velted in the funds would, at this day, amount to little short of 700,000l. The learned Gentleman concluded by exprelling a wish, that this subject should be submitted to the investigation of the House. Mr. Fox faid, that with respect to the ariears of the Duchy of Co:nwall, he agreed almost with every word connested with the fubjest, uttered by the Hon Gentleman. He differed, however, from the Learned Gentleman in one particular. It his Royal Highness had a confiderable claim on the public, he thought that it should be brought before the House of Commons, to decide the matter finally.

Mr. Pitt faid, in the present state of the bufiness it was not his intention to fay more than a few words. The question had been stated with great propriety and ability by the Learned Member (Mr. Sutton) and it certainly became both the honour and justice of the House to put it in a flate of inquiry. Mr. J. Nicols ipoke in favour of the claims of the Prince of Wales, After which the Select Commit-

tee was appointed.

of February, presented a Petition from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common council, praying that a regular market might be established for the sale of coals, for the purpose of preventing that monopoly and combination which at prefent enhance the The Petition was referred to a price. Select Committee. The same day the 2, 00,000l. Loan Bill was read a third time, piffed, and ordered to the Lords.

Sir W. Elford, on the 22d of February, moved for an Account of the Duties paid on Printed Books imported during the last two years. The Bill to enlarge the Powers of the Lords Act was feed a fecond time; and on the question for its committal being put, Mr. Nicholls faid, that the Bill, if passed, would effect a change in the law of which many Gentlemen could scarcely have an idea.

The Committee of Supply was post-

poned until Wednesday.

Mr. W. Bootle, on the next day, gave notice of a Motion for leave to bring in a Bill to compel parish officers to keep regifters of parish children put out apprentices .- Col. Wood gave notice of a Motion, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Qualifications of Persons holding Offices in Ireland .- In answer to a Queftion from Dr. Lawrence, Lord Hawkefbury faid, his Majesty's Ministers had received, from the Court of Denmark the Ratification of the Treaty between this

country and Ruffia.

Mr. Tierney, on the 26th of February, presented a Petition from a set of persons calling themselves German Jews, residing in the City of London. It stated that their number had greatly increased within the last fifty years, that their poor, now become numerous, were prevented, by the tenets of their religion, from enjoying the benefits of parochial relief to which they were entitled. The Petition, therefore, concluded with praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Petitioners to tax themselves for the purpose of raising a fund for the support of their own poor. Ordered to be laid upon the table.

Mr. Wilberforce presented a Petition from Dr. Smith, praying a compensation for his discovery of a successful preventive in cases of contagious diseases. The Petition was referred to a Select Committee.

Mr. Burton stated, that many lives were loft in a storm, in the year 1789, at the mouth of the Tyne, and a proposal was made by the people of South Shields for a model of a life-boat. A thip-builder at Durham invented a model, which was adopted, and according to which the life-The Sheriffs of London, on the 18th boats now used at Scarborough, Lowel-

toffe, and other places on the coast, were built. He had a Petition from that perfon, praying a compensation, as the difcovery was not of that kind which could reward him by the fale. The Petition was referred to a Select Committee.

On Friday, the 26th of February, being the last day for receiving private petitions, the House met at an early hour, when a variety of applications of a local nature were brought forward. Mr. Calcraft, in the absence of Mr. Lefevre, moved, that the Bookfellers and Printers' Petition be referred to a Committee, which was accordingly ordered. Mr. Vanfittart moved for the Annual Account of the Increase or Diminution of the Salaries in all the different Public Offices, for the Year 1801 -also ordered.

On the 1st day of March the Secretary at War withdrew the Army Estimates, in consequence of some irregularity contained therein, and obtained leave to prefent other estimates in their place. He then moved for an Estimate of the Expences of the Army Service, including the troops in guard and garrifons, and those in the plantations and colonies, and also the expences of the barrack department and foreign corps in the service of Great Britain, from March 25, 1802, to the end of the year.

Mr. Dickenson gave notice of a Motion on Thursday, for leave to bring in a Bill to continue the Act suspending the Penalties of Non-refident Clergy. The Bill for making perpetual the Act allowing a Drawback on Rum, used as Stores in Merchant-veffels, and other articles, was read a third time and passed.

The next day the Secretary at War presented the Army Estimates, in the place of these which had been withdrawn. He faid it was usual, at the commencement of a Seffion, to lay before the House the Army Estimates, preparatory to the feveral fums being voted for the fervice of the current year, but this year the custom had been departed from, and the Estimates for three months only had been granted. In the Committee of Supply he should bring forward a Motion founded on the Estimates now on the table.

The House having resolved itself into a Committee on the 25th and 41st of his present Majesty, Mr. Vansittart moved the opinion of the Committee, that the duty payable on cinnamon imported by the India Company, and on cassia, should cease and determine, that the duty on cinnamon (which had been heretofore 3s. per lb.) should be reduced to 15. 6d. and that

the duty on cassia be raised from 4d. a lb. to is. These resolutions, among others,

were agreed to.

On the 3d of March the House having refolved itself into a Committee of Supply, the Secretary at War proceeded to state, that the estimates now before the Committee were calculated for two months, and related only to certain particular branches of the service, being precisely on the same scale as those already voted; he should, therefore, in the first place, state to the House the number of the forces that would be asked to be kept up; and secondly, the expence that would be incurred. total amount of the forces he estimated at 203,237 men. The total of the expence for the faid term of two months, at 1,270,000l. On the Motion being put accordingly, for the first of the resolutions, viz. for guards and garrifons in Great Britain, from March 25th to May 25th, 1802, of 61,126 men. Mr. Elliot faid, he should not feel himself justified in giving the present Motion his unqualified support, if he did not assign his reasons for to doing. A fuccession of events had occurred, fince the discussion on the Preliminaries of Peace, alarming to this country, and menacing to the liberties of the He thought it necessary, at a world. crisis like the present, to cast off that prescription which Ministers would wish to impose on others, that, because they voted with them on the Preliminaries, they should still continue to give them their support. He opposed the Preliminaries, but he bowed with submission to the decision of the House—yet he still retained his former opinion. Experience proved to him that the Noble Lord (Hawkesbury), when he affixed his name to the Preliminaries, had fealed the glory of his country. In the present state of affairs he thought a warestablishment necessary, and should therefore vote for the Motion.

Lord Hawkesbury said, however appofite the Hon. Member's observations might be on other occasions, yet they were rather ill-timed at present. With respect to what the Hon. Gentleman had advanced personally towards his Lordship, he must affert, that he could not regret the part he had taken in the bufiness-it was for the interest of the country, and for the following resolutions :- "That it was the general welfare of Europe .- Mr. Windham faid, he should not be induced to rife, if it was not for what had fallen from the Noble Lord, as the speech of his Hon. Friend (Mr. Elliot) required no elucidation. He wished to know, if nothing had happened, fince the Preliminaries had

been figned, to place the country in the most awkward fituation; and would the Noble Lord fay, if the basis of the negociation was changed, were those obliged to Support it who voted for the Preliminaries? The events which had taken place had totally changed the nature of the Preliminaries. The tone and temper on which France acted, was for the purpose, he contended, of subverting and overturning this country. He conceived the fituation of the country to be dreadful; there was an apathy and blindness that foreboded every thing discouraging. Every country on the Continent was at the mercy of France-her object was universal empire. The following members bore a thare in the debate :- Mr. Cornwallis defended the Ministers; Mr. Baker, Lord Castlereagh, Dr. Lawrence supported the arguments adduced by Mr. Elliot and Mr. Windham, to whom the Attorney-general replied. The question was then put and carried, and the fums voted :- 309,5771. for defraying the expence of 61,000 men for guards and garrifons in Great Britain; 423,000l. for 120,000 men for ditto in Ireland; 386,651l. for the plantations; 6,351l. for East India recruits; 41,189l. for fencibles in Great Britain; 34,013 for ditto in Ireland; 99,064l. for barracks in Great Britain; 59,307l. for foreign The House then resolved itself into a committee of ways and means; and, on the motion of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, voted the fum of 1,000,000l. to his Majesty by loan in exchequer bills. The Chancellor of the Exchequer brought up the account of the amount of pentions granted by his Majesty since the year 1786, which was ordered to be referred to the felect committee on the civil lift. Mr. Dickinfon, the next day, moved for leave to bring in a bill for farther continuing the act passed last session respecting the nonrefidence of the clergy. In the committee it was his intention to move that the further continuance be limited to two or three months. Leave was accordingly given to bring in the bill. The report of the committee of the army estimates being brought up, Mr. Robion, after fome observations, launched out into desultory matter on the different items, when he was called to order by the Speaker; but he was completely drained of cash, as he had it from good authority, that Government refused to pay one of its own acceptances. The Speaker again interpoled, and faid that fuch a reflection was highly diforderly. A warm altercation enfued between Mr. Alexander, the Secretary at War, and

Mr. Robson (who declared the bill ala luded to had been prefented to the Sick and Hurt Office), and the Chanceller of the Exchequer ; when the latter observed, that he had learned fince he came into the House that a bill had been presented for the paltry fum of 19l. 7s. but, through fome unfortunate militake, was perhaps not paid. Mr. Robson said the smallness of the fum rendered the matter the more deferving of notice. After a defultory conversation, in which Dr. Lawrence and other members spoke, the Chancellor pledged himself, that he should bring the business before Parliament. The report was then agreed to, and the House, after disposing of the orders of the day, adjourned. The 5th of March, the American Treaty was read a fecond time, and ordered to be committed on Tuesday next.

The 8th of March, the non-residence penalty bill, the mutiny bill, and the bill for raising one million by exchequer bills, were read a fecond time. The Chancellor of the Exchequer gave notice, that on Monday he foould move for a committee to confider the state of the corn-trade. The Right Hon. Gentleman then faid, that, though he was not perfectly regular, he should take occasion to advert to an occurrence that had taken place on Thursday laft. An Hon. Gentleman (Mr. Robson) had charged the Government of the Country with infolvency. He faid, that bills had been dishonoured at the public offices. On enquiry, it turned out, that the use of the plural number was wrong, and that this mighty charge amounted to no more than one bill for 191. at the office of the Sick and hurt; but the non-payment of this arose not from inability to pay. It was an object at the Treasury not to suffer large fums to accumulate at the public offices, and therefore they might fall fhort; and he challenged any one to fay, that notice of the demand had been made at the Treasury. Mr. Martin thought the smallness of the sum was no excuse, if, instead of 191. it had been only 40s. or a very large fum; the bill in question was paid to the house in which he was concerned in the way of bufiness; he knew nothing more of the affair. Mr. Robson, in consequence of what had passed on Thursday, thought it a justice to himself to make a proceeded, and observed that the country matter, which he then incidently mentioned, the fubject of a particular motion. The next day, after some further conversation, turning chiefly as to whether Mr. Robson made use of the word " intolvency," a division took place. For the motion for pailing to the order of the day feventy-nine, against it two. The House having

having refolved itself into a committee of supply on the 10th of March, the following votes were passed, viz. that towards the support of 130,000 men for the navy, for two lunar months, ending the 26th of May, 1802; the following fums be voted to his Majesty, viz. for wages 481,000l.; for victualling expences 494,000l.; for wear and tear of thips 780,000l.; for ordnance for the fea-fervice 63,000l. The House of Commons having resolved itself into a committee of supply on the 12th of March, Mr. Elliott moved, that the fum of 140,400l. be granted to his Majely for defraying the expences of the extraordinaries of the navy for two months. After a few words from Mr. Robson and Mr. Jones, the motion was put and agreed to. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, on the 15th of March, moved that a committee be appointed to confider the state of the corn-trade between Great Britain and Ireland. By the existing laws for regulating the corn-trade, the lowest exportation prices were fixed as follow, viz. the lowest exportation prices of wheat 458. per quarter; rice and barley 338.; oats 158. 9d. Were Ireland even still a feparate kingdom, it would in that case be expedient to alter these regulations, but being now united with us, it became indispensably necessary. He thought it was highly proper, that the export prices should be raifed, at least, to the same amount as thole prices flood with respect to foreign markets: Mr. Foster, Sir William Pulteney, Mr. Wilberforce, and Lord Hawkef-

bury, all spoke in favour of the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

On the 16th of March, Mr. Simeon brought up the bill for more effectually distinguishing and relieving the industrious poor; for controlling the accounts of overfeers, and for the better preferving the lives of adjudged baftards. Mr. Sutton gave notice, that he should, on the 23d. fubmit a motion to the House respecting the claims of the Prince of Wales to the Duchy of Cornwall

Mr. Fox, on the same day, rose, and, after a paule, in which he appeared to be much agitated, addressed the House in a most affecting and matchless speech, to which we have given place in another After he had part of this Magazine. finished the eulogy of his departed friend, he moved that a new writ should be issued for the Borough of Tavittock, in the room of Lord John Ruffell, now Duke of Bedford-No speech in Parliament ever more deeply affected those who heard it, and the

public at large.

The Livery of London have unanimoully determined on a spirited petition against the INCOME TAX; and their example will doubtless be univertally followed through the country. At a very numerous Common-hall, a string of excellent resolutions were moved and seconded by Messrs. Travers and Waithman, and carried with shouts of approbation, mixed with the strongest detestation of the party, in whom this and other odious mea-

fures have originated.

## INCIDENTS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS IN AND NEAR LONDON. With Biographical Memoirs of distinguished Characters recently deceased.

Six deputies have lately arrived in London, from Malta, bringing a Memorial, the object . of which is to folicit his Britannic Majesty to retain poffession of that island. The deputies are, the Marquis Testaferrata, of a very noble family, Grandee of Spain; Lieutenant Governor Castagna, deputy of the two cities of Bormolo and Seaglia; M. Cachia for Zictura, all in Malta; M. Mulia, Lieutenant Governor and First Senator of Gozo, an adjacent island; and two Maltese priests. The Memorial has been laid before Government; but nothing has yet transpired as to the result. The deputies dined lately with General Pigot, at his house in Hertford-

Total amount of the receipts of the Treaury in Ireland, for the year ending the fifth of January, 9,435,8961. 11s. 8d. of which the permanent revenue amounted 2,134,253l. and the stamp duties to 186,044l. Among the charges of iffues, or expenditure for the same period is, for the Civil Lift 161,8731. 16s. 9d. Pensions 113,7651. 11s. 5d. Military purpofes 3,907,6741. 18s. 3d.

In consequence of the very injurious monopoly of coals, which has so long obtained in this metropolis, application has been lately made to Parliament for permission to institute a gublic market, for the fale of that very important article of confumption.

Account of the duties paid, for the last two years, on all printed books imported into this kingdom, diftinguishing between those bound,

and those not bound: Books bound. Books not bound. £. s. d. £. s. d. Year 1800 Three quart-1910 ending 1217 08. 10, 1801.

This account cannot be made up to a later period than the 10th of October, 1801; the Inspector General not being in possession of all the necessary documents from the Outports, for the last quarter of that year.

The fociety for promoting Christian know-ledge, distributed in the course of the year 1800, 7090 bibles; 9984 New Testaments and Pfalters; 10740 Common Prayer books; 14502 other bound books; and 95,238 small tracts, in all 137,554 books. The annual subscriptions last year amounted to the sum of 2029.

It appears from the Distribution paper of the expenditure of last year, lately laid before the House of Commons, that a charge of 144,6111. 2s. has been paid for the purchase of one third of the Duke of Richmond's annuity, granted by the public in lieu of his

twelve pence a chaldron on coals.

There are, at present, in the School for the Indigent Blind, St. George's Fields, 16 male and nine semale pupils, employed either in spinning of stax, or in the manusacture of baskets, sash cord and clothes-lines, with a machine of a peculiar construction, expressly adapted to blind persons; at which last employment some are capable of earning from sour shillings to six shillings per week. The above articles are sold at the School for the benefit of the institution. There are, it seems, at present, accommodations for sour more male, and one semale, pupil.

The following is an accurate statement of the deals imported from St. Petersburgh, in

the year 1801:

Pieces. Stand. bunds.

To London - - - 365,327 & 6080

Other English ports 780,414 & 13,006

Leith - - - 38,097 & 634

Other Scoth ports - 136,532 & 2275

The exportation of deals is allowed only in the old proportion of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  standard hundred white wood, to 1000 poods, or nearly 16 tons iron.

Sheriffs appointed by his Majesty in Council for the Year 1802.

Bedfordshire. - John Higgins, the younger, of Turvey, efq.

Berkshire. The Hon. Thomas Windsor, of Braywick.

Bucks .- James Oldham Oldham, of Miffenden Abbey, efq.

Camb. and Hunt'fh .- Thomas Aveling, of Whittlefea, efq.

Cheshire.—Laurence Wright, of Mottram St. Andrew, esq.

Cumberland,-Edward Hafell, of Dalemain, efq.

Derbysh .- Thos. Princep, of Croxall, efq. Devonshire. - Sir John Davie, of Creedy, art.

Dorsetshire.—Edmund Morton Pleydell, of Whatcombe, esq.

Essex.—Rob. Raikes, of Great Ilford, esq. Gloucestershire.—Jas. Musgrave, of Barns-ley Park.

Herefordshire,-Edward Bolton Clive, of Treville, efq.

Hertfordshire .- Jacob Bosanquet, of Bromborn Park, efq.

Kent.—Thomas Godfrey, of Ash, esq, Leicestershire.—John Pares, of the Newark, esq.

Lincolnsh.—Henry Dalton, of Naith, esq. Lancashire.—Robert Gregge Hopwood, of Hopwood Hall, esq.

Monmouthshire, -Thomas Morgan, of the Hill. efq.

Norfolk.—Robert Wilson, of Didlington.
Northamptonshire.—Robert Cary Elwes, of
Great Billing, esq.

Nort humberland.—Charles William Bigge, of Benton House, esq.

Nottinghamshire.—Robert Lowe, of Oxton. Oxfordshire.—Thomas Toovey, of Nettlebed, esq.

Rutlandshire .- William Gilson, of Bur-

leigh, efq.

Shropshire.—Thomas Harries, of Cruckton, esq. in the room of William Ferriday, of Dawla Parva, esq.

Somersetshire .- Benjamin Greenhill, of Stone Easton, efq.

Staffordshire .- Robert Parker, of Park-

Southampton. - Sir Edward Hulfe, of Brea-

Suffolk.—Thomas Cockfedge, of Bury St.

Edmund's, efq

Surrey.—Edward Pippin, of Walton-Lodge. Suffex.—Sir William Ashburnham, of Broomham, bart.

Warwickshire.—Heneage Legg, of Aston. Wiltshire.—Sir Andrew Baynton, of Spye-Park, bart.

Worcestershire. Thomas Newnham, of Broadwas, bart,

Yorkshire.—Sir William Foulis, of Ingleby Manor, bart.

Caermarthen.—Thomas Owen, of Glaffoult, efq.

Pembrokeshire.-Hugh Stokes, of Hubberston, esq.

Cardiganshire.—David Davies, of Glan-yr-Occas, esq.

Glamorganshire .- Richard Mansell Phillips, of Sketty-Hall, esq.

Brecon.—Joseph Sparkes, of Pennyworlod.
Radnor — John Sherburne, of Llandrindod.
NORTH WALES.

Caemarvon.—Robert William Wynne, of Llannerch, efq.

Anglesea.—William Bulkeley Hughes, of Brynnda, esq.

Merioneth.—John Meredith Mostyn, of Clegir, esq. Montgomery.—Pryce Jones, of Cofrondidd.

Montgomery.—Pryce Jones, of Corrollade.

Denbigh.—Daniel Leo, of Lannerch Park.

Flint.—Sir Stephen Glynne, of Broadlane, bart.

Sheriff appointed by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in Council for the Year 1802.

County of Cornwall.—Thomas Carlyon, of Tregerhan, efq.

Married.]

Aldgate.

At Kenfington Church, Mark Dyer, efq. late of the island of Tortola, in the West Indies, to Mrs. Hamer, widow of the late J. Hamer, efq. of Demerara.

Mr. Heath, of the Crescent, Blackfriars, to MissWeaver, only daughter of R. Weaver,

elq. of Witherley, Leicestershire.

The Rev. Mr. Rippon, rector of Hitchin, Herts, and chaplain to her Royal Highness the Ducheis of Cumberland, to Mifs Fearns, of Kenfington Palace.

At Paneras, Captain S. M. Sears, of the oth regiment of foot, fon of the late Colonel Scars, of the Bengal Artillery, to Miss E. Stable, of Kentish Town.

In Marybone, G. D. Ferry, efq. to Lady Jane Halliday, reliet of H. Halliday, eiq. and fifter to the Earl of Dylart.

At Deptford, Mr. W. Brown, jun. stockbroker, to Miss Sparke, daughter of the late Mr. J. Sparke, of the Bank of England.

At Clapham, P. Dorville, esq. Captain of the regiment of Royal Dragoons, to Miss

Mr. Franks, of Carey-street, to Miss Gaunt, of Welbeck-Areet, only child of the Rev. J. Gaunt, D.D. late of Higham on the Hill, Leicestershire.

R. Webb, efq. of Pall Mall, to Mrs. H.

White, of Plathett, Effex.

At Woolwich, Lieut. J. Close, of the Royal Horse Artillery, to Miss Douglais, daughter of Colonel Douglass.

Captain J. Jones, of the West Middlesex Militia, to Miss Coleman, of the parish of Covent Garden.

At Marybone Church, T. Hill, efq. of the island of Montserrat, to Miss E. Trant, youngest daughter of the late D. H. Trant,

Mr. R. C. Mackenzie, merchant, of King's Arms-yard, to Miss Piper, second daughter of the late J. Piper, efq. of Colyton House,

J. Jopson, esq. of Lincoln's Inn, to Miss Reynolds, only child of J. Reynolds, efq. of Paper Buildings, in the Temple.

D. Ashburnham, efq. third fon of Sir W. Afhburnham, bart. of Broomham, Suffex, to Mrs. Bancroft, widow of S. F. Bancroft, efq.

Mr. E. Haley, of Long Acre, to Miss A. Abbott, late of New Bond-freet.

J. Webh, efq. of Somer's Town, to Miss M. Taylor, of Great Cumberland-freet, Oxford-

J. D'Ifraeli, efq. of the Adelphi, to Miss Baseir, of Billiter-square.

Died.] In his 8th year, the Right Hon. Eirl Fauconberg, Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the North Riding of Yorkthire. The earldom becomes extinct; but the titles of vifcount and paron Fauconberg devolve on Rowland Bellasyse, esq. His lord-

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thip died in a fit of apoplexy, with which he was feized, while taking a walk in the Newroad, Mary-le-bonne.

Of an accidental death, Mr. Jolliffe, M. P. for Petersfield, Hants. Mr. Jolliffe had been for a long time previously employed in inspecting his improvements on his estate at Merstham, in Surrey. Going into a field adjoining the house, where a number of labourers were employed in digging, and whilft walking, not observing a pit near, he fell in, and unfortunately broke the fpine of his back, and fractured his skull in feveral places. He lay a fhort time in that fituation; but affiftance being near, he was conveyed to his house; where, after languishing in extreme torture, two or three days, he expired.

At Goswell House, London, aged 67, the Rev. J. Baines, univerfally beloved and respected as a man who possessed a benevolent heart, and as a good Christian. He was many

years a relident in India.

At South Lambeth, in his 72d year, T. Da-

niel, efq.

At his house in St. James's freet, Joseph Naffey, efq. apothecary to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

By the breaking of a blood-veffel, Mr.

Long, attorney, of Grays Inn-road.

T. Jees, eig. chief teller of the Bank of England.

Mrs. Smith, wife of Mr. C. Smith, wine

merchant, of Queen-street, Cheapside.

In York-buildings, New-road, Marybone, Mrs. C. M. Northey, wife of J. M. Northey, elq. captain in the royal navy.

R. Gimbert, efq. of Piccadilly. The Rev. C. Luscombe, of Bread-freet.

Mrs. Lorkin, widow, of St. John's ftreet. At Wade's Mill, Herts, the Lady of J. Buller, eiq. of Morval, in Cornwall, the youngest daughter of the Bishop of Ely.

At South Mims, in his 55th year, W.

Adams, efq. At Hampstead, Mrs. Devall, wife of R. Devall, eiq.

At Greenwich, in his 68th year, Mr. T. Powis, brewer.

At Tottenham, Mrs. Steers, wife of J.

Steers, efq. In his 27th year, Mr. H. H. Capel, of the Ordnance Office, Tower.

At Croydon, Mrs. Baratty. Mrs. Ford, of Smithfield Bars.

In his 50th year, T. Bullock, efq. a gene tleman well known upon the Turf.

Miss Waddington, only daughter of S. F.

Waddington, efq. At Richmond, Lady Mufgrave, relict of the late Sir Philip Mufgrave, bart.

Mrs. Rideing, fifter to Sir R. Perryn, bart. In his 48th year, J. Parkinfon, efq. of Limeftreet-fquare.

Mrs. Williams, of Sloane-ftreet. At Chelsea, aged 35, Mr. Dalton. Colonel Count Sutton Clanard.

At her house, in Grosvenor-square, Mis PP Wilkes,

Wilkes, daughter of the late celebrated John

In Tufton-freet, aged 57, Mr. T. Wapshott, builder.

At Stanmore, Middlesex, Miss M. C. Andrews, daughter of Mr. Andrews, furgeon.

In Warwick-street, Golden-square, Mrs. Davids, relict of C. Davids, efq. late of Brecon, South Wales.

At Bromley, in her 16th year, Mifs Knolman, eldeft daughter of H. W. Knolman, efq. of Espquene.

A. Peatt, efq. of Philpot-lane.

Mr. Moore, of Leopard's-court, Leather-

At Batterfea, C. Rippon, efq.

In his 21st year, Mr. Jones, jun. of Berkeley-iquare.

At her house, in Sion-row, Twickenham,

aged 73, Mrs. A. Roibee.

At Kennington, Miss Montefiore. Her death was occasioned by her dress having accidentally caught fire.

At Tooting, Lieut. Col. Rice, of the Royal

Navy.

On the 16th of March, of a typhus fever, in the 28th year of his age, Thomas Archibald Murray, M. D. of Greville-street, a Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, Physician to the Public Difpensary in Careyfreet, and Physician to the Institution for the Cure and Prevention of Contagious Fevers in the Metropolis. Dr. Murray was very early educated to medicine, under the able instruction of his father, the late Dr. John Murray, an eminent physician at Norwich. After a residence of three years at Edinburgh, he took his degree there in 1796, and then fettled in Norwich. In January 1800, he removed to London, and was elected Physician to the Public Dispensary. His practice in this extenfive charity, gave him, in common with many others of the same profession, ample opportunities of observing the evils resulting from the crowded state of the dwellings of the poor, in cases of contagious disease: and after a minute investigation of the subject, he wrote "Remarks on the Situation of the Poor in the Metropolis, as contributing to the Progress of Contagious Diseases, with a Plan for Houses of Recovery." This was soon after published under the auspices of the Society for Bettering the Condition of the Poor; and an inflitution upon the plan recommended in this publication has been fince eftablished, to which Dr. Murray was chofen physician. The attainments of this excellent man were many and varied. To delineate his character would be to enumerate every virtue which can adorn the individual, or render fervice to the community. For confummate skill in his profession, and a benevolence, active, pure, and extensive, he will long be remembered. To this last divine principle is his premature death to be attributed. His profesional duties ied him into the recesses of accumulated poverty, defpair, and difeafe. His exertions

there to restore to health the unfortunate beings committed to his care, and his anxious, tender, and unremitting attendance upon them undermined a constitution naturally delicate, and at length, in one of these wretched habitations, he received the contagion which proved fatal to him. The deep and heartfelt regret occasioned by his loss is not merely that of confanguinity or of partial friendship: his talents and the fimplicity, yet polifhed urbanity of his manners, placed him near the hearts of a large circle of the learned and the good.

On the 25th of February, Isaac Thompfon, efq. of Crofs-lane, St. Mary-hill, and Hackney. To record the death of fuch a man, without remark, would be an example of degeneracy, which we are unwilling to ascribe to the present times. It is true, that the great events which we have been called to witness, have inclined us too much of late to attend to the brilliant and dazzling in characters of great but malignant energy, to allow to private and modest merit its due praise. Individuals who have had influence on the fate of empires, have exclusively attracted notice; whilst those who have made happy a family, or small social circle, have been unobserved. But, when the effects of public intoxication shall have passed away, the ever operating, beneficent, and purifying virtues of private and unaffuming men, will be regarded as alone worthy of admiration. Mr. Thompson was born at Stanger, in Cumberland, where his family enjoyed a fmall estate by inheritance. He came to London in early life, and, by close attention to bufiness, greatly increased his fortune, which enabled him to difplay benevolent feelings in beneficent acts. Having never been married, he adopted the feven children of his younger brother, to whom the accidents of life had not afforded the fame means of advancing his fortune; and, after giving all of them a good, and some of them a liberal education, he took them into his own house, and treated them in all respects as if they had been his own children. Although his attention to bufiness was exact, his mind was not of a character to confine itself to mercantile operations. On the subjects most interesting to the human mind, he had thought deeply and read much. Moral philosophy, metaphysics, and religion, he had studied attentively; and had adopted in the former the fystem of Locke and Hartley, and in the latter, that form of Christianity which has been fo ably defended by Lardner and Lindsey. . His parents were Diffenters, and worshipped amongst the Calvinists: Mr. Thompson finally worshipped amongst the Unitarians, whose system, at once to congenial to the feelings of benevolence, and the dictates of good fense, he embraced with earnestness but defended with candour. He was anxious to find that true, which every good men must wish to be true. During the three last years of his life, the vigour of his faculties was evidently declining, and, at last, death was the consequence of a very tedious illness, which was, however, not without effect; for it afforded to his nephews and nieces an opportunity of evincing, by their unwearied and anxious attentions, that they were not unworthy of such a relative. The writer of this paragraph, affectionately attached to the memory of a man, who never seemed to live a moment to himself, records his virtues with a sigh, not soon expecting to find a friend, in which they shine with equal lustre.

On Friday, the 22d of January, 1802, at his brother's house, at Old Ford, near London, in his thirty-feventh year, Mr. William Hickes, of Laughton, in the county of Suffex. He had from his infancy been afflicted with that dreadful disorder, the stone. On the advice of his friends, as well as from his own conviction that it was impossible he should long furvive the torture that he inceffantly fuffered, unless he was effectually relieved, he left his house in order to undergo the necessary operation for that purpose, under a full conviction that he flould not recover. On the morning of the operation, which took place on the 23d of November, he executed his will, and, in a very composed and manly way, wrote to his wife (who had been very recently confined in child-bed), stating, that it was in all probability the last time he should write to her; that he yielded to the operation under the firm conviction of its being a duty he owed to his family, his friends, and himfelf. expressed himself fully satisfied, that no man could be placed under the care of men more kilful, and that he should have the benefit of all the affistance which human means could afford him. He then left his letter open, requesting his brother to inform his wife how he supported the operation. At two o'clock in the afternoon, Mr. Cline, in the presence of Dr. Hamilton, one of the principal physicians to the London Hospital, Mr. Toulmin, of Hackney, and two medical affiftants, performed the operation, and extraffed a stone of one ounce and a quarter in weight. The fortitude which he exemplified on this painful occasion could not be furpassed-he never suffered even a groan to escape him; and every symptom was as favourable as possible during the first fevendays; he was fo far advanced towards his recovery as to fit up twice in the day, and Mr. Cline expressed the strongest hopes of his doing well. Unfortunately at this period the weather grew very severe, and he appeared by some means to have taken cold, in confequence of which a fevere inflammation on his lungs took place (as was fully confirmed upon his body being examined after death), followed by a severe rheumatic fever, which deprived him entirely of the use of his right fide, and affected his left leg alfo. Some few days before his diffolution, the glands of his neck and throat swelled so much as to prevent

him from opening his mouth, and rendered it extremely painful and difficult for him to take nourishment. Previous to his being thus reduced, the opinions of other medical and surgical men were taken, with the approbation of the gentlemen who attended him, and, notwithstanding their united exertions, nature being exhausted, and no longer able to struggle against this complication of disorders, he yielded his life to Him who gave it, two months and one day after the operation. His sufferings have seldom been equalled, and his patience and resignation stood almost unexampled. He has left a widow and nine young children to dealers his less.

children to deplore his lofs.

The late Earl of Clare, whose death was noticed in page 194 of our last Number, at the time of his decease was Lord High Chancellor of Ireland, one of his Majesty's most Honourable Privy Counfellors, a Lord of Trade and Plantations, Vice Chancellor of the Univerfity of Dublin, and LL.D. His lordship was born 1749, and married, 1787, Miss Whaley, daughter of the late Richard Chapel Whaley, eig. of Whaley Abbey, Knight of the Shire for Wicklow, and has left iffue two fons and a daughter, viz. John Lord Fitzgibbon, now earl of Clare, born 1792, Richard, and Lady Ifabella. He was educated at the university of Dublin, and afterwards entered upon the fludy of the law, of which profession he became the great ornament in his native country. In 1784, he was appointed Attorney General on the elevation of Mr. Scott to the bench, and, on the decease of Lord Chancellor Lifford, 1789, his lordship received the feals, and was raifed to the dignity of the peerage by the title of Baron Fitzgibbon of Lower Connello. To these dignities were added the earldom of Clare, 1795, and the English barony of Fitzgibbon of Sidbury, in Devonshire, 1799. Lord Clare, although he occupied the highest law-office in Ireland, and possessed great influence in that country, could not boaft a long line of noble ancestors. His father in early life was called to the Trifh bar, to which Catholics were then inadmissible, and at which he afterwards became a highly-esteemed and successful pleader. During that period, the business of the courts was monopolized by a few eminent barrifters; but the talents and the industry of Mr. Fitzgibbon forced him forward in spite of envy, and in a few years he himfelf became one of those who, in some respects, claimed all the honours and the emoluments of the profesfion. So fuccessful, indeed, was he, that, in the course of a life not uncommonly long, he is faid to have realised a fortune of nearly eight thousand pounds per annum. Of this gentleman, Lord Clare was the only fon. A profession in which the father had been so fuccefsful, was naturally chosen by him for a favourite child, who was to support the future fortunes and honours of the family. He was accordingly entered, (as above) at an early age, of Trinity Coilege, Dublin, where:

he was contemporary with some of the most celebrated men who have diftinguished themfelves in all the recent and important transactions that have occurred in Ireland; fuch as the late Mr. Flood, Mr. Grattan, Mr. Foster, the late Speaker of the Irish Commons, &c. He is yet remembered by some of the old members of that feminary, on account of the ability and industry which even then marked his character. Having completed his course of collegiate studies, and kept his terms at the Temple, he was at length called to the Irish bar, with advantages possessed by few at the outset of life, and these were supported by a high character, and a fortune which, even independent of any increase from the success of forentic labours, fecured to him fomething infinitely beyond a competence. Affluence, however, did not produce in Mr. Fitzgibbon what is too commonly its effect on the youthful mindan indolent apathy .- His affiduity in profeffional purfuits was not exceeded by any of his rivals at the bar; and though there was no man who drank more deeply of the cup of pleasure, yet few toiled through more bufiness, or in the discharge of it, displayed more of that accuracy of knowledge which is the result only of attentive industry. It was by the observance of a rule of life which none but strong minds have ever prescribed to themselves, namely, "to suffer no portion of time to pais without filling it either with bufiness or with pleasure," that Mr. Fitzgibbon was enabled to unite those generally incompatible pursuits. With fuch application. and with talents certainly above the common level, though, perhaps, far below that at which his friends would place them, he foon rose to eminence. In the House of Commons, of which he became a member for the University, in 1776, shortly after his call to the bar, by the operation of this principle, aided by a kind of eloquence, which, though it was neither very brilliant, nor very perfuafive, yet being accompanied by a certain air of confident superiority, a confiderable effect was produced; and he was foon effeemed one of the most efficient supporters of the party he espoused. Without affecting popularity at any time, he launched into political life, uninvited, and unbought, the partifan of the court, and the professed contemner of the profanum vulgus: in this sentiment he has been wonderfully confistent. From his first entrance he did not, in one fingle instance, fart from the track before him. His conduct was marked by an unvaried and uniform support of the British cabinet, and an avowed, perhaps a revolting contempt for the runciples, motives, and objects, of what has been called the popular party. He had not been long in Parliament, before the calamities brought upon Ireland by the continuance of the American contest, rendered it necessary to feek, in an enlargement of her commerce, for some remedy against a general bankrupt-

cy. The Commons, urged by the cries of a famishing people, called for what was then denominated "a free trade," and Mr. Fitzgibeon, much to his honour, did not oppose the application. The defenceless state in which the kingdom had been left, by drawing off the troops to ferve on a distant continent, fuggefted to the community the necessity of arming for felf-defence. Mr. Fitzgibbon appeared in the ranks as a private; but it would be unjust to charge him with participating in those high-flown sentiments of national pride, and love of freedom, which foon began to actuate the volunteer army, and which, no doubt, gave fome firength to the subsequent declaration of legislative independence by the Irish Parliament. He rather seemed to be carried forward by the irrefiftible impulse of national fentiment, than to have advanced with it toward the goal. Accordingly, when an occasion occurred of retiring without difhonour from a cause so little congenial to his principles, he separated from the vulgar herd. The moment chosen by him was during the discussion of the long agitated question, relative to the simple repeal of the fixth of George III. From that time he continued the firm and zealous advocate for a strong and energetic government, and the powerful opponent of every man who attempted to reform, or innovate on prefent establishments. When Mr. Yelverton was appointed Chief Baron of the Exchequer in Ireland, Mr. Fitzgibbon fucceeded him as Attorney General. No man was ever better fitted for the office. His firmneis, his confidence in his own powers, and the bold tone with which he hurled defiance at his Parliamentary opponents, on every question connected with legal or conflitutional knowledge, often appalled the minor members of opposition, and sometimes kept even their chiefs at bay. These qualities, however, did not always constitute a sure defence. The repulse which, on one memorable evening of debate, he experienced on the part of the present Lord, then Mr. O'Neil, of Shane's Caftle, whose manly and honest mind caught fire at the haughty and dictatorial language with which the Attorney General had dared to address him, is remembered by those who were then conversant in the politics of the day, and probably will not foon be forgotten. But though this daring, and as it is often called, overbearing, spirit, did sometimes miscarry, in general it enfured him fuccels. A remarkable instance of its efficacy occurred at a time when the minds of the people were extremely agitated by the rejecting of their petitions for reform, and for protefting duties. At a moment when the ferment feemed to have arisen to a very dangerous height, an aggregate meeting of all the inhabitants of the metropolis was, on a requisition of several respectable persons, convened by the high theriffs of Dublin. The Attorney general was then the most unpopular man in the

country; and the mob had, for fome time, been in the habits of offering personal infult to those whom they suspected of being ad-Tesfe to their wishes. Unawed, however, by thefe circumstances, Mr. F. attended only by one or two friends, made his way through the crowd, reached the hustings, interrupted a popular orator in the midst of his harangue, told the sheriffs that they had acted illegally in calling the meeting, commanded them toleave the chair, and threatened them with an information ex officio\*, if they prefumed to continue in it. He then left the aftonished affembly, amidft the hiffes of the mob; and the faeriffs instantly diffolved the meeting. Hitherto Mr. F. had acted with an adminiftration which possessed both the power and will to reward his exertions. When the event of the King's illness, in 1789, unhinged the Irish government, he stood in different circumstances. On that occasion, a majority of the parliament, among whom were many of the oldest fervants of the crown, declared for the right of Ireland, as an independent country, to choose its own regent. The British cabinet controverted that right, and infifted that the regent chosen by the British parliament should be the regent for both countries. Mr. F. though no longer supported by a majority, remained firm to his English friends, and refifted, with his wonted boldness, not only the voice of the people, but what was of more immediate concern, a vast parliamentary majority. The unexpected recovery of his Majesty, to Mr. F. certainly an happy event, rewarded his superior good fortune, or his greater forefight; for, on Lord Lifford's death, he was created a baron, and appointed chancellor: it is also not a little memorable, that he was the first Irishman who filled that important office! So far as respected justice, the country had no reafon to lament his appointment, for his activity and dispatch made chancery-fuits almost cease to be an inheritance. banished chicane and unnecessary delay from his court; and though his decrees may formetimes be blamed as premature, the paucity of appeals feemed to augur, that all complaint on that fcore was groundlefs, After his elevation to the bench and the peerage, he had repeated opportunities of displaying his former spirit, and expressing, with even more effect than before, his detestation of popular claims, and particularly that of a reform. He shewed an equal abhorrence of the Catholic pretentions to share in the privileges of the constitution. Of their claim to the representative franchise, it it known that he was the decided enemy; and though, by the paternal regard of his Majesty, and the prudence of the British cabinet, the concession of that privilege was recommended to the Irish legislature, and adopted in consequence

of that recommendation, yet his opinion remained unchanged. With respect to subsequent claims, the British ministry paid more attention to his advice. During the late unhappy troubles in Ireland, Lord Clare exerted himself to intimidate the revolters by threats, and punish them by coercion. It was lately afferted in the House of Commons, that his Lordship had encouraged the use of torture; but that was loudly denied by one of his friends, who maintained that he had only excused it. Be this as it may, no one was a more ftrenuous or able advocate for the Union; a measure that opened a new and more splendid career to the ambition of the Chancellor. Called to a feat in the Imperial Parliament, he foon acquired the personal confidence of the Sovereign, and, it has been afferted, that the late changes place in our cabinet, in confequence of his Lordship's aversion to the emancipation of the Catholics. During a recent debate, after some strictures on the character of a large portion of his countrymen, he seconded the " note of preparation" for the coming battle. and appeared ready to engage Mr. Pitt and his adherents, on the grand question relative to the civil franchifes of the greater part of the Irish nation. His lordship had been for fome time in a declining state of health; but latterly, his difease assumed so alarming an aspect, that his physicians thought proper to recommend a more genial climate; and, in conformity with this recommendation, he had arrived in Dublin from his country feat at Mountshannon, defigning to proceed immediately to Bath, or, if his ftrength permitted, to the fouth of France. The immediate cause of his death was the loss of a great quantity of blood while at Mountshannon, which was followed by fuch extreme weakness, that, upon his arrival at Dublin on the 25th, there was reason to fear he could not furvive the enfuing day; on Wednefday thefe alarming appearances increafed fo much, that, upon a confultation of phyficians, he was given over. Even on being made acquainted with this melancholy truth, the firmness of his Lordship's mind did not forfake him. To prevent any impediment to the public business, he directed the new law officers to be called, and from his bed administered to them the necessary oaths. Soon after, his Lordship fell into a lethargic flumber, and continued motionless until Thursday, when he ceased to breathe. On the 31st, his remains were interred in St. Peter's church, Dublin; the gentlemen of the law, to the number of 600, and 74 of the nobility and gentry, making up the procession. The pall was borne by the Marquis of Ely,

of a grand jury, revived by him.

<sup>\*</sup> See the debates. We hope and believe, however, for the honour of human nature, that the whole is a gross mis statement, and this appears the more evident from a late speech of his Lordship.

the Earl of Shannon, and the Lords Kilwarden and Tyrawley. He is succeeded by his son, John Lord Fitzgibbon, in the samily estates; to his second son, the Honourable Richard Fitzgibbon, and his only daughter, Lady Isabella, he has bequeathed 20,000l. Sterling each, and 1200l. a year to his counters, to whom he has consided the education of his children during their minority.]

Further particulars relative to the late Rev. Dr. James Chelfum. His father belonged to the choir of Westminster-abbey, and has a monument erected to his memory in the west cloister. The fon was born, before the year 3740, and was on Bishop Williams's foundation at Westminster school (the present archbishop of York being then master), wearing a purple gown; an eleemofenary fort of education, but the more honourable to those characters who have arisen from it to moral, political, or literary distinction, in laudable pursuits. He was usher in the school for feveral years; his retirement is supposed to have been about the year 1765 or 1766; being then usher of the fifth form. He was for many years afterwards resident at Christchurch, Oxford, in the various useful public offices of tutor, cenfor, and proctor; and in the amiable private occupation of comforting through pecuniary affiftance and personal attention, a venerable mother, who placidly closed a respectable life at the age of ninety. Hence he was preferred to the college curacy of Lathbury, near Newport Pagnel; and to the benefice of Badger, in Shropshire, by Isaac Hawkins Brown, efq. His other and chief preferment was the rectory of Droxford in Hants, given him by Bishop North, to whom he was chaplain; where he resided much, and where he buried his excellent mother, to whose memory he dedicated a good mezzotinto print, a strong likeness in her advanced life, and liberally distributed copies among his friends. He had, before her death, had a very unfavorable conflitution; his fpirits being very unequal, which, after that event, obliged him to be configned to the care of a relation near London, with whom he refided. except during a fhort interval of unfucceisful, though well-meant, enlargement, till his death, 1801. He is buried at Droxford, where he merits a tribute to his memory. As to his focial character, it is true he was not equally welcome in all companies; but allowance should be candidly made for perfons of unequal fpirits. If he sometimes affumed a flight that might feem too gay for the dignified divine, yet he never discovered any tinge of immorality or ill-nature: if they at other times took a tone that might feem unfociable, they fociably allowed the proper gaiety of those, whom, alas! they could not join. During his best flow of spirits, he was in manners instructive, entertaining, polite; in morals pure, charitable, pious. His rich learning is well known to many; the written proofs are in his Remarks on

Gibbon's Infidel Chapters in his Roman Hiftory; and in a Reply to a Defence of those Chapters. Being a great amateur of the elegant arts, he made a valuable collection of prints and gems, especially Taffie's Imitations, to whom he was an early and able patron, and who executed a medallion of him in white composition, with a considerable degree of refemblance. He latterly published an ingenious small Essay on the History of Mezzotinto. Dr. Chelfum's travels with Archdeacon Gooch were on a friendly footing, fweetened by that mutual politeness which reconciles different ages, for the Doctor was ten years older. This was about 1773. The Doctor was a true observer of the Sabbathday, and was a flout enemy to the Slavetrade. He was appointed Boyle Lecturer, but his nerves were unequal to the office.]

The late John Cartier, efq. formerly Governor of Bengal, rubose death rue noticed in page 192 of our last Number, went to Bengal, as a writer in the fervice of the East India Company, in 1749-50; and, foon after his arrival, was appointed an Ashstant to the factory Dacca; where he refided until the expulsion of the English from Calcutta, and the rest of their factories, by the Nabob Sujah Dowlah, in 1756: he then joined the rest of his countrymen at Fulta; to which place they had retired from all quarters, and remained, until the arrival of Admiral Watson and Co-Ionel Clive from Madras, to revenge the unprovoked aggression of the Nabob, and to reinstate the Company in their factories. At that period of distress to the British interests in India, Mr. Cartier came forward as a volunteer, with many of the civil fervants of the Company, and the remaining European inhabitants of Calcutta. He was engaged, under Colonel Clive, at the battle of the Bungaloe, and at Hoogly alfo, which terminated in the defeat of the Nabob's army, and a temporary peace, by which the Company recovered their former factories and possesfions. During the interval between this and the year 1767, Mr. Cartier successively and honourably filled the different civil appointments at Dacca, of which he became chief in 1761. With the exception of one vifit to Calcutta, in 1763, whither he was summoned to attend a general council, his relidence at Dacca was uninterrupted. In 1767 he became second in the council of Calcutta; and in the beginning of 1770, on the departure of Mr. Verelit, took charge of the Bengal government by the previous appointment of the Court of Directors. In that high office he was fucceeded by Mr. Hastings, in April, 1772, and returned to England in January following. The eulogium of the late Mr. Burkeon Mr. Cartier's conduct, during his fuperintendance at Bengal, was not the refult of personal acquaintance, for never was there any connexion between them; nor from an invidious contrast between him and Mr. Hastings; but proceeded from a fense of his reat

merits. In this testimony, all the contemperaries of Mr. Cartier, cordially concurred; for no instance can be produced of any deviation from the strictest integrity. In the autuma of 1774, he married his fecond wife, Stephena, daughter of Stephen Law, efq. of Broxbourn, Herts formerly Governor of Bornbay, and fifter of Dr. Lawrence, archdeacon of Rochester. Near the end of the fame year, he fettled at Bedgbury, near Goudhurft, in Kent, which estate he purchased in 1784, where he constantly resided until his death, extending his liberality to many indigent neighbours, and rendering this liberality more impressive by the fuavity of his manners, and his condescending behaviour. With opportunities of accumulating immense wealth, be retired from his high office with a fortune moderate in comparison to many of those acquired by perfons in inferior stations, though equal to his defires, which were ever regulated by virtue and prudence. With great chearfulness of disposition, and a quick relish of life, he was a devout Christian and fincere believer. His abilities were far superior to what falls to the ordinary lot of men; and to a highly cultivated understanding was added the foundest judgment. During the course of a long life, in which he was often fubjected to arduous trials, a stain never attached to his character; and, as he had a conscience void of offence both towards God and man, to has he in India, as in England, left a charafter, beloved and respected; and, wheresoever his name was known, his memory will be cherished and revered.

[The late G. Wallis, M. D. whose death was rentioned in page 171 of our last Number, was a native of York, and originally fettled in conliderable repute there, but compelled to leave it from the following circumstance. He was much attached to theatrical amusements; and, being a man of wit, wrote a dramatic piece, entitled "The Mercantile Lovers, a Satire," which was performed in the York theatre. In this were contained sketches of satire highly poignant, but either fo directly levelled at certain persons of that city, or taken by them to themselves, that he lost all professional practice, and was consequently forced to quit the place. He commenced Lecturer on the Theory and Practice of Physic in the metropolis: and published, 1778, an "Effay on the evil Confequences attending injudicious Bleeding in Pregnancy;" and, fince that, "Nofologia Methodica Oculorum," selected from the Latin of Francis Boiffiet de Sauvages; an oration delivered in 1790, before the Medical Society; a third edition, with confiderable additions, of Dr. Motherby's "Medical Dictionary," confiderable additions of Dr. M.'s; "The Art of preventing Difeases and restoring Health," 8vo. of which a fecond edition was published 1796; and a complete edition of Dr. Sydenham's works, 2 vols. 1788, 8vo.] Three days after him, viz. on Monday, Fe-

bruary 1, died his elder brother, Thomas Wallis, druggist at York, aged 68.

The late Right Hon. Welbore Ellis, LL. D. F.R.S. Baron Mendip in Somersetsbire, and a Trustee of the British Museum, wbose death was announced in page 171 of our last Number, was a younger fon of the Right Rev. Dr. Ellis, who was Bishop of Meath, in Ireland, at the same time that his brother, an uncle of the deceafed lord, who had embraced the Roman Catholic religion, and followed the fortunes of the Pretender, enjoyed an ecclesiastical dignity of fimilar rank in Italy. Mr. Ellis was educated at Westminster school, and was admitted a King's scholar on the foundation of that ancient feminary, in the year 1728, being then fourteen years of age; from whence he was elected, in 1732, to a studentthip at Christ Church, Oxford. He refided at the University for some years after his matriculation, and proceeded regularly to his degrees of Bachelor and Master of Arts. In a short time after quitting the University, he came into Parliament, and in the year 1749, he was appointed a Lord of the Admiralty under Mr. Pelham's administration, succeeding to that fituation in the room of Mr. George Grenville, the father of the present Marquis of Buckingham, who was promoted to a feat at the Treasury Board. Mr. Ellis continued in this office after Mr. Pelham's death, in 1754, when the Duke of Newcastle fucceeded to the first station in the ministry, until December 1755, when he refigned his feat at the Admiralty, and became a Vicetreasurer of Ireland. He enjoyed this situation, notwithstanding the unsettled state of parties during-the intermediate time, until December 1762, and, in 1763, was appointed Secretary at War, on Mr. George Grenville's becoming First Lord of the Treasury. On the dissolution of Mr. Grenville's ministry, in 1765, when the Marquis of Rockingham fucceeded to the helm of Government, Mr. Ellis refigned the office of Secretary at War, and refumed his former appointment as Vicetreasurer of Ireland, in which he continued until October in the following year, when his refignation made room for the prefent Colonel Barré. In the August preceding, the Duke of Grafton had superseded Lord Rockingham in the premiership; and, during this administration, Mr. Ellis held no office; but he continued, nevertheless, to give a warm and active support to Government, as appears from the Letters of Junius, in which, on feveral occasions, Mr. Ellis's name is treated with difrespect. On the accession of Lord North to the first feat at the Treasury Board, in 1770, Mr. Ellis was again appointed a Vice-treasurer of Ireland, which fituation he filled until 1797, when he was made Treafurer of the Navy. At the close of Lord North's ministry, in February 1782, when a change was univerfally foreseen, and many of the members of administration had quitted their stations, either from apprehension, or

umphant party, Mr. Ellis, at the express defire of a Great Personage, was prevailed on to accept the office of Secretary of State for the Colonies. His stay in this office was of very hort date, Lord Rockingham and the opposition succeeding Lord North and his friends in the following month. This was the last political fituation which Mr. Ellis filled. On the coalition between Lord North and Mr. Fox, he was one of the few old friends of his Lordship that adhered to him; and though he succeeded to no place in the ministry which followed that arrangement, their measures met with his full support and concurrence. When Mr. Pitt came into power, in December 1783, Mr. Ellis followed the fortune of his friends; and at this period, after an active political life of forty-four years, he saw himself, for the first time, in opposicion. He continued steadily to support the measures of this party, until the schism which took place in 1793, on the subject of the French revolution and the late war, when Mr. Ellis, whose principles and dispofition equally led him to disapprove of the conduct of the French rulers, joined with the Duke of Portland and Mr. Burke in giving countenance to the fystem of adminiftration. He was, however, now too far advanced in years to take an active part in the politics of the day; and, on the introduction of the Duke of Portland into the cabinet, he was, with many others of his Grace's friends, created a peer of the realm. From that time this veteran statesman led a life of learned ease and dignified retirement, contenting himfelf with the fociety of his private friends, and reaping the fruits of a good education and well-spent life. His lordship was, through life, of an active and diligent turn of mind, a correct and accurate, though not an eloquent speaker in Parliament; and notwithstanding his connection with fo many administrations, and his long familiarity of office, of spotless and irreproachable integrity. It was his principle in general to support the measures of Government; but his political opinions were ever confiftent, and his political attachments were firm and un-

the hope of making their court to the tri- haken. His lordfhip was one of the most complete classical scholars of the age, and on every fubject one of the best informed men; and the library which he has left behind, is perhaps the most numerous and valuable private collection in the kingdom. In private life his virtues were not to be exceeded. He was of a domestic disposition, a most affectionate husband and a fatherly friend to every branch of his family. His lord hip died in the 80th year of his age. He was created a Peer of Great Britain in 1794, with remainder, in case of failure of male iffue, to the Viscount Clifden and his brothers; and, in failure of iffue from them; to Charles Lord Somerton, Archbishop of Dublin. On Sunday the 7th, his lordship's remains were carried in great funeral pomp from his house to Westminster Abbey, where they were interred between those of Earls Chatham and Mansfield. The procession was superb, confifting of the hearfe, followed by eleven mourning-coaches, each with fix horfes, and twenty-two out-riders, with other carriages to the number of twenty-two; among which were, Lord Clifden's, now Lord Mendip, Welbore Agar's, esq. the Duke of Portland's, the Bishops of Landaff's and London's, Sir G. Baker's, Mr. Dickinfon's, Mr. Sloan's, Mr. Ryder's, &c. He has left annuities to all his fervants, from fifty to twenty pounds a year, according to the length of time they had lived with him. The late Lord Mendip is well known to the curious as the poffesfor of Mr. Pope's villa at Twickenham, in right of his first wife, daughter of Sir Wm. Stanhope, who purchased it on the death of Pope 1744, added two wings, and, by a fubterraneous way, annexed an addition to the garden, and was particularly attentive to preferve every memorial of the Poet, whose willow, planted by his own hand, perithed last year.

ERRATUM .- In the London Marriages of last month, instead of "E. Warren, of Guildford-ftreet, &c. to Mifs L. Smith, daughter of the late Robert Smith, efq." read, " Mr. Cadell, to Mifs L. Smith, daughter of R. Smith, efq. of Basinghall-street,"

#### PROVINCIAL OCCURRENCES.

WITH ALL THE MARRIAGES AND DEATHS,

Arranged geographically, or in the Order of the Counties, from North to South. \* . \* Authentic Communications for this Department are always very thankfully received.

NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM. The late flew of cattle at Barnard Caftle, (on the 24th of February laft) exceeded the most fanguine expectations of those who had projected it, there being a great number of the best cattle from the Banks of the Tees, both fat and lean, which brought great prices

with a quick fale. The whole extensive square where the cattle are shewn was crowded. The Agricultural Society there, purpofes to establish three other shew days, in the course of the year. On the above day, thirty members of the feciety dined toge-

Married.

Married.] At Monk Wearmouth, Mr. R. B Roxby, to Miss Taylor .- Captain J. Manchefter, of Newcastle, to Miss M. Ridley, of the Ballast Hills -Mr. Watkinson, coalagent, of Law Muir, near Glasgow, to Miss M. Metcalfe, of Team, near Gateshead .- G. Lawfon, efq. of Long Hirst Grange, near Morpeth, to Miss Bell, of Barnard Caftle -J. Carr, elq. fon of R. Carr, elq. of Dunfton, to Miss Ellison, eldest daughter of the late H. Ellison, efq. of Hepburn, Durham .- Mr. Hall, farmer, of Shillon Hall, in Northumberland, to Miss A. Wardle, daughter of Mr R. Wardle, butcher, of Newcastle -Mr J. Watkins, linen-draper, of Newcastle, to Miss Kefwick, of Morresby.

Mr. J. Smurfitt, linen-draper, &c. of Monk Wearmouth-shore, and lieutenant in the Durham City Loyal Volunteers, to Mrs. Kay, daughter of Mr. Snowball, of Hedley,

Northumberland.

At Stockton Captain Barton, of the 11th regt. of light dragoons, to Miss A. Painter.—
R. Wilkinson, esq. alderman of that borough, to Miss Robinson.

At Newcastle, Mr. J. Cassin, mill-wright, to Miss M. Hindmarsh.—Mr. R. Naseby, jun. of Benwell, to Mrs. Tait.—Mr. G. Young, grocer, to Miss Bates.—Mr. J. Clark, grocer, to Miss Chapman.—Mr. R. Young, to Miss A. Cuthbertson.

At Stanhope in Wear Dale, Mr. C Williams, of Weifgate, to Miss A. Trotter, of Hawkwell Head.

At North Shields, Mr. W. Arkley, to Mifs M. Robson.—Mr. H. Benney, to Miss Davenport.

Died.] At Newcastle, in her 70th year, Mrs A. Thompson, widow of the late Mr. J. Thompson, brewer.—Aged 57, Mr. M. Crawford.—Aged 47, Mr. J. Yeoman.—Mr. J. Watson, master of the Wheat Sheaf public house.—Mr. B. T. Gibson, eldest son of Mr. T. Gibson, draper.—M. Clarke, esq. collector of the excise for the town and district.—Mrs Coulson, wife of Mr. T. Coulson, painter and glazier.—Mrs. Reay, wife of Mr. J. Reay, ship-owner.

In his 83d year, Mr. W. Gill, many years agent under Lord and Lady Windsor, in the management of their collieries, in which office he gave the highest satisfaction, and was much and deservedly esteemed for the probity and honour with which he discharged the duties of it: he was of an open, social, manly, and generous disposition, and marked with peculiar attention, the struggles of honest, industrious poverty, to which he was ever a benevolent patron, by privately assisting the efforts of such persons, wherever he could find them.

Mrs. Thomas, a maiden lady, aunt to Mr. R. Chambers.—Aged 66, Mr. J. Pawfon, fon of the late Mr. Pawfon, wine-merchant.—Aged 54, Mr. J. Butcher, fruit-merchant, of Ipfwich.—Mr. W. Raifbeck, woollen-draper, and a common-council-man.

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At Gateshead, Mr. J. Jefferson, taylor. At Durham, aged 60, Mr. J. Bungay.— Aged 73, Mr. J. Richards.—Suddenly, Miss Wharton, daughter of the late Dr. Whar-

on.

At Sunderland, Mr. C. Wilson, tallow-chandler, one of the society of Quakers.—Mrs. Coxon, innkeeper—Mr Ranson, master mariner, father of Mr. Ranson, brazier, and one of the society of Quakers.

Mr. R. Davison, many years harbour master of the port; he was following his occupation on the river, on the Thursday, and was found dead in bed on the Friday morning sol-

lowing.

At Bishop Wearmouth, Mrs. Were, widow of the late Mr. Were, lieutenant of marines.

At Darlington, in her 94th year, Mrs. M. Ogden.

At North Shields, in the bloom of youth, Miss M. A. Hurry, 3d daughter of Mr. S. Hurry.—Aged 16, Miss M. Armstrong.—Aged 77, Mrs. M. Lowrie.—Mis. Souter.—Aged 70, Mr. J. Rowland, widow, late of Tynemouth.

At Stockton, the Rev. J. Daniel, many years minister of the Roman Catholic chapel there.

At Tynemouth, Mrs. J. Rowlands, wi-

At Houghton le Spring, Mrs. E. Milier,

Mrs. Purves, of New Etal, Northumber-

At Felton, in an advanced age, Mr. R. Ord.

At Oakwood, near Hexham, aged 65, Mrs. Gibson, wife of Mr. T. Gibson, farmer.

At Hexham, Mrs. Kirksop, relict of Mr. W. Kirsop, of Battle Hill -Mr. W. Hutchinson, master of the Golden Lyon inn.

At Benton Moor, in his 62d year, Mr. W.

Boggon

Erratum in the Northumberland marriages for last month.—In the marriage of Mr. Ainsley, of Huntlaw, the lady's name was by mistake (as copied from the Newcastle papers) printed "Jon" instead of Tone."

Married.] At Whitehaven, Mr. J. Williamson, jun. mercer and draper, to Miss Ritson.—Mr. T. Furnass, hat-manufacturer, to Miss Sowman.

At Bownas, Mr. R. Dickinson, brazier, of Kendal, to Miss Benson.

At Deane, near Cockermouth, Mr. J. Jackson, to Miss Walker.

Mr. Cragg, of Lowick Green, to Miss Redhead, of Lowick Bridge.

At Kendal, Mr. J. Robinson, shoe-maker, to Miss Winn, mantua-maker.— Mr J Bow-stead, butcher, in Carlisse, to Miss Bowstead, of Rickerby.

In Carlifle, Mr. G. Elliott, hair-dreffer, of Brampton, to Miss M. Thorpe.—Mr. T. Toppin,

Toppin, hair-dreffer, to Miss J. Mc Claughlin.—Mr. N. Wales, widower, to Mrs. Stalker, widow of Mr. Stalker, taylor.

At Workington, Mr. J. Thompson, mercer and taylor, to Mrs. M. Towers, mantuamaker.

At Maryborough, Mr. Despard, to Miss Gardiner, eldest daughter of the late Colonel Gardiner, of Bellevue, Southampton.

Mr. E. Rawlandson, of Lambrig, to Miss Stephenson, of Firbank.

At Orton, Westmorland, Mr. W. Holme, to Miss M. Garnett.

Mr. Westgarth, of Irton, to Miss M. James, of Whitehaven.

At Penrith, H. Dixon, esq. attorney, to Miss D. Whelpdale, second daughter of the late T. Whelpdale, esq. justice of peace for this county.

Died. ] At Carlifle, aged 85, Mr. J. Bairbrin, fen.

In the prime of life, after a few days illness, Mr. W. M. Johnson, auctioneer, formerly of Wigton. By his death, of a malignant fever, a wife and fix helpless children are deprived of their only means of support;—and what considerably aggravates the calamitous event, his widow and eldest child lie so dangerously ill, at present, in the same pestilential disease, that they are, in a manner, intensible of their irreparable loss.

Aged 23, Mr J. Strong, clerk to Messis. Ferguson; much noticed and respected by his employers and all who knew him, as a young man of exemplary good conduct, and of an amiable disposition.

Mrs. Armstrong, wife of Mr. J. Armstrong, butcher.—In the prime of life, Mrs. Bailey, wife of Mr. W. Bailey, print seller.
—In the prime life, Miss S. Yeates.—In her 88th year, Mrs. Johnson, formerly of Whitehaven, mother-in-law of the late J. Johnson, esq. of Walton House, in this county.—At the Bush inn, in this city, on his return from Scotland, aged 26, Mr. T. Taylor, mill-wright, of Bolton le Moors.—Aged 84, Mrs. A. Lamonby, widow, late of Newtown, near this city.

At Whitehaven, aged 30, Mr. W. Black, mariner.—In her 37th year, Mrs. Brown, wife of Mr. Brown, tobacconist —In her 67th, year, Mrs. S. Bigland.—Aged 59, Mrs. A. Drape, wife of Mr. J. Drape, mariner.—Aged 78, Mr. D. Brown, for many years an eminent ship-builder, but had retired.—Mrs. Kendal.—Mr. J. Riley, check-manufacturer.—Aged 68, Mrs. Hodgson, widow of the late Captain Hodgson.—Mr. W. Bradford, mariner.—Aged 76, Mrs. Watts, widow of the late Mr. Watts, grocer.

At Kendal, Mr. H. Dickinfon; many years employed by the postmaster as a letter-carrier in the town.

At an advanced age, Mrs. M. Chamley, a Quaker.—Aged 92, Mrs. E. Dunn, widow, formerly of Stainton.—Mrs. Penningson,

mother to Mrs. Masterman, late of the King's Arms inn.

At Kefwick, aged 63, Mrs. J. Ladyman. Aged 42, Mr. W. Lancaster, master of the Hare and Hounds public house.

At Workington, in the prime of life, Mrs. D. Scrugham, wife of Mr. J. Scrugham, formerly master of the brig Fanny, of this port.

—Mrs. E. Steel, reliet of the late Capt. J. Steel.—Aged 32, Mrs. Boness.—Aged 58, Mr. J. Tickle, many years master of the Vigilance.—Aged 56, Mrs. Tate, wife of Mr. W. Tate, agent to Mr, Curwen's Porter Bank Colliery.

On his passage from London to Newcastle, in the prime of life, Mr. J. Stockdale, of Ravenstonedale, Westmorland, late clerk in the shop of Messirs Lackington, Allen and Co. booksellers, in London.

Aged about 60, Mr. J. Simpson, paper-maker, of Caldbeck.

At Orton, in Westmorland, the Rev. J. Redman, vicar.

At Scotby, near Carlifle, aged 97, Mrs. M.

At Cleator, aged 63, Mr. M. Jackson, cabinet-maker, late of Whitehaven.

At Penrith, in her 53d year, Mrs. L. Marvel; much regretted by a genteel circle of acquaintance, and, likewife, a most liberal benefactress to the poor.

Aged 84, Mrs. E. Simpson, a maiden lady, aunt to the Hon. T. Wallace, of Carlton Hall, in this county.

At Kettleside, near Penrith, in an advanced age, Mrs. Moorhouse, widow, and mother of the Rev. J. Moorhouse, rector of Clifton.

At Morland, aged 71, Mr. D. Armstrong,

At Grayrigg, in Westmorland, within one day of compleating his 31st year, the Rev. J. Tremble, curate, and school-master, and son of Mr. Tremble, of Byesteads.

At Demerara, in the West Indies, in the month of October last, Mr. R. Fawcett, late clerk to Mr. B. Hunt, liquor-merchant, in Kendal.

At Tallentyre, near Cockermouth, in his 70th year, W. Browne, efq. high sherist for

At Seavil, in the parish of Holm Cultrum, aged 31, Mr. J. Grainger, formerly of the Duke's Head inn, at Skinburness.

At Highouse, in the same parish, in the

At Kelton Head, Mrs. Johnson, wife of W. Johnson, esq. of Demerara.

The Rev. Mr. Fell, of Cark, near Cart-

The Rev. Mr. Pearson, of Killington, near Kirby Longsdale.

The Flixton courfing meeting, fo long delayed by bad weather, at length, brought a large affembly of noblemen, gentlemen, and

farmers to the ground, on Wednesday, Feb. 24, when the running began, by a class of four dogs, to run in two matches, and the winning dogs to run together, afterwards, for the plate. The first class was won by Major Topham's black dog, Young Snowball, (late Ambrofio) beating Sir T. Wallace's white dog, Phancasmagoria, (borrowed from Colonel Thornton). The fecond class was won by Sir T. Wallace's brindled bitch, Alicia, (late Dent, borrowed of Colonel Thornton) beating Major Topham's brown and white bitch, Toy. The plate was won by Major Topham's Young Snowball. Perhaps, on no match whatever was more money known to be betted. The race was about two miles and a half, in which the hare was twice thrown up by Snowball, and once by Alicia; and yet was fo found at heart, as to run above a mile afterwards before the was killed .-Major Popham's brown and white bitch, Toy, beat Mr. Percival's Raynham. Of the horsemen that appeared on the ground, many were from different and even remote parts of

Lately, at a very numerous meeting of the principal inhabitants of Whitby, (Lord Mulgrave in the chair) a flubscription was entered into for the purpose of building a lifeboat, for the use of that port and its vicinity. It was handsomely begun on the part of his Lordship with twenty guineas, and feconded by Colonel Phipps with ten, and within an hour, near two hundred guineas were placed to the account of the subscrip-

A subscription has been lately entered into at Hull, for the humane purpole of establishing there a Lying-in Hospital or Charity, for the relief of poor married lying-in women; and likewise for the purpose of relieving and administering support to women in this condicion, at their own houses. Mestrs. Young and Hewitt, accoucheurs, have, by public advertisement, made a voluntary offer of their gratuitous fervices to this institution, whenever requested.

Married.] Mr. R. Pearson, of Wakefield, to Mrs. Burnell, widow of the late J. Burnell, esq. of Golden-lane, London.

At High Flats, at the Quaker's Meetinghouse, Mr. S. Woodhead, clothier, of Foulftone, to Mifs J. Firth, daughter of Mr. J. Ferth, maltster, of Lanehead.

Mr. W. Hutchinson, of Wakefield, to Mrs. Webster, of Brotherton .- The Rev. C. Atkinson, of Elland, to Miss E. Wilson, merchant, of Leeds .- Mr. Oldridge, of the Black Bull inn, at Wakefield, to Miss M. Hobson, of Frysion, near Ferry Bridge .- Mr. Luccock, of Leeds, to Miss L. Medley, daughter of the late Rev. S. Medley, of Liver-

B. Wright, efq. of Hull, to Miss Evans, of Balam, Surrey.

At Whitby, W. Benson, esq. to Miss Walker.

At Hatfield, the Rev. T. Fox, A. M. to

Miss Johnson.

At Portsmouth, New Hampshire, J. Wentworth, efq. late Attorney-general of the island of St. John's, to Miss Wentworth, niece to P. Wentworth, esq. of Towleston Lodge, in this county.

Mr. W. Auckland, of Pomfret, to Miss Fairfide, of Islington, London.-Mr. R. Hotham, merchant, in Sheffield, to Miss Brady, daughter, of Mr. S. Brady, tea-dealer, of the city of London.

J. Fell, esq. of Whitby, to Miss Wilson of Picktree, in Durham.

At Scarborough, Mr. Glass, to Miss Cow-

At Pomfret, Mr. Walton, ironmonger, to Miss A. Leidger.

Mr. W. Chadwick, dyer, of Leeds, to Miss Dey, daughter of Mr. Dey, brandymerchant, of Doncaster.

Mr. J. Johnson, of All Woodley, near Harewood, to Miss R. Burrows, of Scot Hall Mills, near Leeds.

Died.] At York, Mr. G. Russell.

Mr. J. Simpson, formerly of the White Swan inn, Newcastle, and afterwards of the Chapter Coffee-house, in this city. In his time he was efteemed one of the first billiard players in this county, and was well known by a numerous and respectable acquaintance in most parts of the kingdom, all of whom valued his company much: for, to use Hamlet's words, "he was a fellow of infinite jest and of most excellent fancy, (and his) flashes of merriment were frequently wont to fet the table on a roar." Major Cooper and Mr. Simpson were most intimate bosom friends; -and by a fort of mutual fympathy, or, at least, a strange co-incidence, both took their journey for another world about the same time, on the very same morning !

In his 39th year, Mr. J. Botterill, a common-council-man for Monk Ward .- At her lodgings, in this city, Mrs. A. Aifelby .-Mr. G. Ruffell, of the Black Bull inn .- In his 44th year, Mr. J. Rayment, of the Bird in hand inn .- Mr. T. Hardifty, joiner .- Mr. Dunn, of the York Theatre.

At Hull, aged 69, Mr. Lambert; he was fuddenly taken ill, while attending divine fervice at Trinity Church, and was obliged to be carried home, where he died in about two

Aged 24, Mr. S. Saunderson, son of Mr. T. Saunderson, woollen-draper, and one of the fociety of Quakers.

At Leeds, Mr. R. Harrison, wool-stapler. -Mr. J. Ibbetson .- Mr. W. Hayford

At Doncaster, aged 19, Mr. J. Brooke, eldest fon of Mr. Brooke, attorney .-Mr. J. Thorpe, formerly a master-bricklayer.

At Briftol, the lady of A. Maclean, efq of Coll, in Scotland, and lately a refident for some time past, in Doncaster.

At Warmsworth, near Doncaster, in he 87t Q q a

87th year, Mrs. M. Massey, relict of the late Mr. S. Massey, stuff-merchant.

At Sheffield, Mr. E Hewitt, of the Mouse Hole Forge public house -Mrs. Gregory

Mr. S. See, who had been in the fervice of Messis. Nowell and Kippax, upwards of 24 years. He was, likewise, a local preacher, in the society of the late Mr. Kilham.

Aged 68, Mr. J King, liquor-merchant.

Aged 63, Mr D. Jones, mercer.—Aged 78, Mrs. Handcock, widow.—Mr. R. Williamson, collector of excise.

At Barnfley, Mis. Cordeux, wife of Mr. Cordeux, linen-draper.

At Whitby, Miss M. Skinner, daughter of W. Skinner, esq. junior.

At Rippon, in his 73d year, W. Atkinfon, efq. algerman, and brother to Mr. P. Atkinfon, of York.

At Scarborough, aged 94, Mr. W. Ruf-

At Darlington, aged 24, Miss Wrightson, daughter of 1. Wrightson, esq of Thirsk; a young lady of a chearful disposition, and honest heart, and respected as a pleasing associate, by all her acquaintance.

At Promfret, aged 75, Mrs. C. Routh, a maiden lady. Death made his approaches to this excellent perion by a malady from which the greatest human fortitude shrinks appalled; otherwise in beholding the steady considence and pious resignation wherewith she all along contemplated, and at length met the awful hour of dissolution:—even an Insidel might be tempted to exclaim, with envy, so May my last end be like her's."

## LANCASHIRE.

Mr. Alderman Shaw, of Liverpool, has lately made the following benevolent donations to the public charities of that town, viz. to the Infirmary 3001; to the Blue-coat Hospital 2001; Dispensary 2001; School for the Blind 501; Marine Society 301; and the Indies Charity 201.

Married.] C. Ker, esq. of Calder Bank, in this county, to Mis M. Sharp, daughter of F. Sharp, esq. comptroller of the customs at Leith —Mr J. Greenwood, merchant, of Manchester, to Miss Harrison, at Poulton in the Filte.

At Ulverstone, Mr. J. Butler, to Miss S. Wilkinson.

At Mottram, in Longdendale, Mr. J. Roberts, to Miss M. Roberts, of Gloslop.

At Warrington, P. Hyams, eiq. to Mifs Bold.

Mr. A. Cliff, grocer, of Chorley, to Miss E. Eastham, of Leyland lane.

At Leyland, Mr. J. Livesey, gardener, to Miss E. Bretterton, of Ulness Walton.—Mr. G. Heap, shopkeeper, of Milnwood, near Todmorden, to Miss N. Ogden, late of Heptonstall.—Mr. J. Graham, of Manchester, to Miss M. Brearley, youngest daughter of Sa Brearley, esq. of Halifax.

At Preston, Mr. B Wilson, hat-manu-

hy, of Bardsea, to Miss N. Dobson, of Ulver-

At Droxford, in Hampshire, B. Hardy, esq. of the Royal Lancashire Regiment, to Miss E. C. Woods.

At Lancaster, Mr. Laysield, hairdresser, to Miss Hebblethwaite.—Mr. W. Townley, fail cloth-manufacturer, to Miss M. Shaw.

—J. Dewar, esq. of the 29th regt. to Miss Shelmerdine.

At Manchester, Mr. H. Hughes, merchant, to Miss Jane Morris —Mr. T. Naylor, of York, to Miss E. Wardrope.—Mr. S. Wild, to Miss Smith —Mr. S. Clough of Liverpool, to Miss A. Sharrocks —Mr. J. Nichols, to Miss A. Bottomley.—Mr. J. Rothwell, to Mrs. Royle, widow.—Mr. E. Sager, to Miss M. Mayo.—Mr. G. Ramsay, to Mrs. J Albiston, late of the city of Chester.—Mr. G. Backhouse, to Miss E. Newton, of Failfworth.

At Liverpool. Mr. Leech, to Mrs. Rook, one of the vocal performers at the Musichall.—Mr. J Warring, broker, to Miss Stevenson.—Mr. R. Kenyon, linen-draper, to Miss F. Walpool.—Mr. J. Abbott, to Miss Travers.

Died.] At Manchester, aged 76, J. Ridgway, esq. an eminent attorney. During a practice, highly respectable and extensive, for upwards of forty years, he uniformly maintained the character of a sound lawyer and honest man.

Miss Arrowsmith.—Mr. S. Stanley.—Mrs. R. Newtin.—Mrs. Lazonby, wife of Mr. Lazonby, ironmonger.—Mr. J. Bancroft.

J Entwiftle, efq. major of the ift battalion of the Manchester and Salford Volunteers; a gentleman of real worth, and much and defervedly respected for his genuine good humour, sprightly wit, and unaffected good manners; nor was he less eminently conspicuous for strength of understanding, and a general knowledge of the world.

Mr. T. Crossland, manufacturer. At Salford, Mr. J. Hulme, innkeeper.

At Liverpool, very fuddenly, aged 25, Mr. W. Lupton, timber-merchant.—Mr. R. Pedder.

Mr. J. Rea, merchant, of the island of St.

Mr. T. Baynes -Mr. J. Bevington -Mr. J. Murphy; and a few days before, Mrs.

Murphy, his wife.

Mr. J. Ashton, master of Hope School, at Liverpool. From a very early period in life, he was employed in the duties of a station which is seldom rewarded either by that emolument, or that honourable rank in the estimation of society which is proportioned to its intrinsic importance. Without either aid of instruction, or the influence of example, but solely by the essorts of a patient, inquisitive, and industrious mind, he was enabled, at the age of twenty-two, on the recommendation of some friends, who had discerned his rising merit, to emerge from an obscure village in

the parish of Stockport, in Cheshire, and to undertake the management of a school adjoining to the chapel, in Toxteth-park : this he conducted for a few years with confiderable credit, and all the wished for success, till he was elected to the superintendance of another in the neighourhood of Rochdale, established by the bounty of the late Mrs. Hardman, of Allerton. In this fituation he anxioufly improved the hours he could redeem from his neceffary avocations, by a judicious application to those branches of science which were most conformable to his taste, and connected with his profession: and here, his diligence, regularity, and intellectual acquirements, fecured him a high degree of respect, both as a teacher of youth, a judicious friend, and an agreeable, instructive companion. But, after a few years, encouraged by the prospect of a refidence, which his friends confidered as better adapted to his talents, his habits, and his favourite pursuits, he was induced to remove to Liverpool, where he built and opened an extensive school, and exercised his profeffion, with gradually increasing popularity, till the infirmities of a constitution, naturally feeble from his youth, at length, compelled him to retire.

CHESHIRE.

Married.] At Chefter, Mr. Jones, furgeon, of Holywell, to Miss Hughes, of Pentremawr, near Denbigh.—Mr. T. Sudworth, of Stanlow House, to Miss Meacock.—Mr. G. Johns, mate of the sh p Resolution, of this port, to Miss E Lewthwaite, daughter of Mr. J. Lewthwaite, anchorsmith.—Mr. Nickson, cabinet-maker, to Miss M. Walley.

At Knutsford, W. Quayle, efq. to Miss M. Morlands.

At Lymm, Mr. R. Warburton, to Miss

At Frodsham, Mr. J. Pickering, to Miss Hayes.

Mr. G. Ramsey, of Manchester, to Mrs. J. Albiston, late of Chester.—Mr. J. Twenslow, cabinet-maker, to Miss C. Lowe, both of Congleton.

Mr. Lomas, of Bollington, to Mifs Dyfon, of Macclesfield.

Mr. F. E. Barker, attorney, of Chefter, to Miss H. Jones, late of Wrexham.—Mr. J. Powell, upholsterer, of Chefter, to Miss Dutton, of Saighton.—Mr. Johnson, Engineer, of Castle Northwich, to Mrs. Harrison.

At Bunbury, Mr. J. Adams, of Bachin, to Miss R. Dutton, of Wardle.

Died.] At Chefter, Mr. Marcroft, of the Crofs Keys public house.—Mrs. Greene.—Mr. T. Shaw, currier.

Mr. J. Whitelegg, fenior; much respected as a moral man, and chearful companion.

Mrs. Both, housekeeper to O. Kelsail, esq. a situation which she had held with credit and respectability, upwards of 40 years. She was highly esteemed by all who knew her, as a very worthy woman.

In her 16th year, Miss Wrench.

Aged 86, Mrs Leckonby; a woman of exemplary virtue and unaffected piety.

Aged 85, Mrs. Leadbeater, reliet of the late Mr. Leadbeater, stone-master.

At Northwich, Mr. P. Johnson, attorney.

At Nantwich, Mr. C. Coman .- Mr. R.

Chidlow, nailor.

At the Parsonage-house, Nether Whitley, aged 55, Mrs. Elizabeth Antrobes, wife of the Rev. Philip Antrobus, minister of the parochial chapel there. The death of one of her fons, in June last, is supposed to have haftened her own diffolution. He was a youth of an amiable disposition, and adorned with every quality which could gain efteem; an esteem, which he possessed, not of his relations alone, but of the whole neighbourhood where he lived, as well as that of all He was affistant at his acquaintance. Flixton School, to Mr. Beeley; and afterwards schoolmaster, at Roe Green, near Worsley, both in Lancashire .- A fever, at that time prevalent, fnatched him away. No woman, perhaps, fulfilled the duties of a mother, and a wife, in a more exemplary manner; in the ungrateful province of aftepmother, she was unexampled, nor did the fuffer any the least stain to attach to her character.

#### DERBYSHIRE.

Married.] At Youlgrave, Mr. A. Salt, to Miss E. Parker, both of Elton.

At Mayfield, near Ashbourne, Mr. Kearns, clothier, of Newcastle, Staffordshire, to Miss Easter.

W. Hoyle, efq. of Sheffield, to Mrs. Cutforthay, of Aughton, in Aston parish.

Died.] At Derby, aged 63, Mr. Blaymire.

Mrs. Clay, of Shirland.

At Alfreton, in her 56th year, Miss Clark.

-Mrs. A. Halton, fister to the late J. Halton, esq. of Wingfield Manor.

In the parish of Littleover, near Derby, in her 22d year, Mrs. S. Farnsworth; she expired about an hour after breakfast, sitting in her chair: and in his 83d year, Mr. T. Farnsworth, her husband. They had been married 62 years.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

It is in contemplation to apply to Parliament for power to make a new turnpike-road from Derby, through Ripley, to Alfreton; an improvement of the greatest public and local importance to the town of Derby, and the adjacent country. The corporation of Derby have lately given their consent to the plan for effecting the measure.

Married.] At Newark, Mr. R. Doubleday, farmer, of Upton, to Miss E. Dunhill,

of Raulion.

R Pocklington, jun. esq. of Winthorpe
Hall, in this county, to Miss J. Campbell,
daughter of Sir J. Campbell, of Inverneil.

At

At Thrumpton, Mr. J. Marsh, of Scarrington, to Miss Hemsley.

Mr. Elfe, hofier, to Miss Downing, both of Sutton in Ashfield.

At Bunny, Mr. T. Howard, to Mrs. E. Hebb.

Died.] At Nottingham, Mrs. Frost, wife of Mr. Frost, whitesmith .- In his 71st year, Mr. R. Gould, farrier .- T. Gaunt, efq. alderman .- Mrs. Wheatcroft.

In his 106th year, T. Seals, a peafant; he possessed all his mental faculties to the

last day of his existence.

Mrs. Smith .- In her 71st year, Mrs. Stretton, wife of Mr. Stretton, fenior .- Mrs. Preft, wife of T. Preft, gent,-Mrs. Stones, wife of Mr. H. Stones, builder .- At Mr. Sutton's, aged 77, Mrs. Marriot.

In his 67th year, Mr. D. Ward, one of the bailiffs for the town and county. After attending the duties of his profession, he went home, complained of being indisposed, and

died foon after.

At Newark, Mrs. Bellwood, a widow lady. At Southwell, aged 68, Mr. T. Cade, for-

merly a respectable butcher.

At Mansfield, Mr. P. Wood, jun. hofier. -Mrs. Naylor.-Mr. Herdman, who had practited there as a furgeon and apothecary upwards of 30 years.

At Bunny, Mrs. Lockwood, wife of Mr. Lockwood, hofier, at Sion Hill, near Not-

tingham.

#### LINCOLNSHIRE.

The Special Commissioners appointed by Act of Parliament, for better and more effectualty draining certain tracts of land called Wildmore Fen, and the East and West Fens, including the Low Lands, in this county, have lately advertised, in the Lincolnshire papers, for the purpole of receiving propofals from fuch persons as may be willing to contract for the cutting, embanking, and making the intended drain, between Fishtoft Marsh, and Benington Bridges, being a diftance of about feven miles.

Married.] Mr. J. Elverson, farmer, to Miss Crampton, both of Donnington .- Mr. F. Gibbons, officer of excise, at Corby, to Mis Bedford, of Swinestead .- Mr. S. Bates, farmer and grazier, of Sloothby, to Miss A.

Lill, of Alford.

Mr. J. Brownley, farmer and grazier, to Miss S. Cliff, both of Habertoft, in the pasith of Willoughby, near Alresford.

Mr. W. Hydes, of Leafingham, to Miss E.

Goodyear.

Captain B. Broomhead, of the 28th regt. of dragoons, eldest son of Lieutenant Colonel Broomhead, of the South Lincoln Militia, to Miss C. Hambleton, youngest daughter of the late -- Hambleton, elq. formerly of

Mr. Newton, of Sawtry, in Huntingdonthire, to Miss Drake, of Stanford.

At Tatterfhall, Mr. W. Booth, of Sleaford, to Miss Sm.th.

Died.] At Lincoln, aged 67, Mrs. Gardiner, a widew lady.

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At Boston, after a long and painful illness, aged 21, Miss C. Lane, daughter of Mr. Lane, druggift .- The Rev. E. Browne, prehendary of York, &c. &c. and master of the grammar School at Butterwick, near Boston .- Mr. B.

At Wainfleet, in her 84th year, Mrs. M. Rice, widow, late of Well, near Alford.

At Stamford, aged 49, Mrs. Baxter, widow.

## LEICESTERSHIRE.

Lately, at Leicester, a fellow who pretended to be deaf and dumb, and who had, in the course of a few days, realised 501. by what is called fortune-telling, was publicly whipt there as a vagrant. During his trial and previously to his confinement, he conducted himself with consummate art, and the most hypocritical consistency; but when the cat o' nine tails came to tingle on his back, his speech and hearing returned, and he could speak and hear, as well as any of the spectators. It appears that he had been a foldier in the 25th regt. and was discharged in consequence of having been wounded in the island of Grenada, and that on returning to his friends in Yorkshire, he was met on the road by a woman who practifed the profession of fortune-telling, and prevailed on him to join her, but on his commitment, the decamped with their joint earnings.

Mr. W. Harrison, grazier, of Married. Great Glenn, to Miss Francis, of Lamport. Mr. D. Moore, of Wellfell, in Derbyshire, to Miss S. Moore, 4th daughter of Mr. Moore,

of Syston.

Died ] At Leicester, Mr. Joyce, surgeon. -Aged 79, Mrs. Simons, widow.-In his 40th year, after a lingering illness, the Rev. J. Gregory, vicar of St. Martin's, and All Saints' parishes, in this town, and brother to Mr. Gregory, printer of the Leicester Journal.

At Loughborough, Mr. Onion, baker.

STAFFORDSHIRE.

Married ] Mr. F. Tibbs, of Deritend, to Miss Collitt, of Curborough, in this county. At Alcefter, Mr. W. Grafton, tanner, to

Miss Williams.

Died.] At Lirchfield, in his 72d year, Mr. W. Green, Collector of Excise, formerly of Hales Owen. He was deservedly esteemed through life, as a cheerful, worthy man.

At Uttoxeter, Mr. J. Norris. At Wolverhampton, Mr. J Beddard .- Mr.

J. Neve.—Mr. J. Doody.

The Lady of the Honorable and Reverend G. Talbot, of Brereton .- Mr. Farmer, of Cauldwell, late of Burton-upon-Trent .- Aged 79, Mrs. Bulby, of Long-lane, near Stafford .- Mr. J. Bedford, of the Stockings, near Wolverhampton.

WARWICKSHIRE.

Married.] At Birmingham, Mr. J. Dawes, furgeon, to Miss Webb .- Mr. H. Burgeis, fac-

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tot, of Dale-end, to Miss Bedall, late of Erall, near Coventry.—Mr. Smith, surgeon in the army, to Miss Soden, of Rowington. Mr. Gateley, of London, to Miss Rew, of Coventry.—Mr. Boosinere, of the city of Mans, in France, to Mrs. Smith, of Birmingham, Mr. T. Moore, of Birmingham, to Miss Brown, of Bourn Brook.

At Newhold-upon-Avon, Mr. Berridge, farmer and grazier, of Dunton Basset, Leicesterhire, to Miss Walker, daughter of T.

Walker, efq.

At Coleshill, Mr. R. Hobbey, to Miss E.

Roleitone.

Died.] At Warwick, fuddenly, Mr. G.
Dawes, liquor merchant.

At Coventry, Mrs. Carlifle, widow.

At Birmingham, nearly at the close of her Sist year, Mrs. Cooper, of the Crescent — Aged 76, Mrs. Ellis, wife of Mr. J. Ellis, hat maker, of Digbeth.—Mrs. Blair.—Mrs. Richards.—Mr. T. Dainty, plumber and glazier.—Aged 19, Mr. T. Skey. Aged 72, Mr. J. Hands.—Mrs. Green.—Mrs. Gough. Aged 57, Mrs. H. Hodges.—Mrs. Parten.

#### SHROPSHIRE.

Married.] At Shrewibury, Mr. Rough, jun. merchant, of New Rols, Ireland, to Mils M. Harley.

Mr. J. Turner, of Bockleton-house, Worcestershire, to Miss Snape, of Sutton, near Newport.—Mr. Sermon, of Ludlow, to Miss

Walker, of Cleobury.

At Ludlow, Mr. Goodwin, tanner, to Miss Barker, milliner.—R. Hudson, jun. esq. of Wick, near Pershore, Worcestershire, to Miss Evans, of Shinewood house, near Wenlock, in this county.

At Ellesmere, Mr. J. Rogers, of the Cricket, aged 55, to Mis Robinson, of O. westry, aged

17.

At West Felton, Mr. Clay, to Miss Jones, of Grampow.—Mr. T. Williams, sadler, of Broseley, to Miss Evans, of Broseley, to Miss Evans, of Barrett-hall.

At High Ercall, Mr. J. Austin, of Long-Mill, to Miss Colley.

Near Ludlow, Mr. Marston, of Coston, to

Mils Davies, of Clun.

Died.] At Shrewsbury, Mrs. Cooper, gardener.—Mrs. Markham, relict of the late Rev. R. Markham, D.D. a lady of an excellent, virtuous, and truly religious mind.—Mr. H. Pearson.—Mrs. Williams, wife of Mr. Williams, of the Unicorn inn.

Major Sandford, of Bath, only brother of F.

Sandford, of the ifle, in this county.

At Clun, R. James, esq. late of Ludlow. In the remote Settlements of the State of New York, in November last, Mr. W. Watkins, youngest son of Mr. Watkins, of Shrewsbury.—Mrs. Sandland, farmer, of Cotton.

At Batchcott, near Ludlow, the Reverend T. Baines, rector of Richard's-castle, in the Commission of the Peace for this county.—Aged 77, Mr. F. Bill, late of Ruyton, of the Eleven Towns.

At the Sheet, near Ludlow, aged 74, Mrs Richards, widow of the late Mr. T. Richards faddler, of Shrewsbury.—Mr. Perry, of Wy. key.—Aged 88, Mr. Rowland, sen. of Madeley, near Colebrooke-dale.

At Chesterton, near Bridgnorth, Mrs. Vickers, mother of V. Vickers, efq. of Cran-

mere.

At Hales Owen, the Reverend W. A. Lea,

chaplain in the Royal Navy.

In London, after a few minutes illness, W. Pigott, esq. of Doddershall, Bucks. He was son of the late Reverend W. Pigott, of Edg-mond, in this county.

At Vernon-hall, in his 13th year, Master C. Talbot, eldest fon of J. Talbot, esq. only brother to the Earl of Shrewsbury.

WORCESTERSHIRE.

At Worcester, in her 70th year, Died. Mrs. Johnstone, wife of Doctor Johnstone. This excellent woman, was descended from Mr. R. Serjeant, who in the reign of Charles II. became an affistant minister to Mr. Baxter, at Kidderminster, and was afterwards ejected from the rectory of Stone, for nonconformity. If unaffected and forvent piety-a warm and uncorrupted heart-if innocence of life and activity of benevolence, joined to simplicity and fuavity of manners-if a temper fo complacent, as not to be ruffled by the croffes, flights, and unkindness of the world-if steady and constant attention to the duties of a large family-and, laftly, if the habitual fear of God, and unremitting love of our neighbours, give a claim to the recompence of just men made perfect, it may be charitably profumed that this incomparable woman is gone to receive her reward. Her death, though in the due course of nature, has left a chasm in the affections of her family and her friends which cannot be easily supplied. She lived without an enemy, and the bleffings of all who knew her, have followed her to the tomb.

HEREFORD.

Married.] At Hereford, Mr. W. Maddy, to Mis Weare.—T. Wright, esq. of Pimlico, London, to Mrs. Roberts, eldest daughter

of F. Ravenhill, efq. of Hereford.

Died. ] At Hereford, Mrs. Powles, wife of Mr. Powle, writing master.—In childbed, after being delivered of two fine children, Mrs. Honiatt, wife of the Rev. T. Honiatt.

—Mrs. Barry, wife of the Rev. E. Barry, and daughter of the late W. Shepherd, esq. of Dormington.—Mrs. Maddy, reliet of Mr. Maddy, saddler.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

It may be noticed as a proof that there is a too confiderable confolidation and confequently enlargement of farms, whereby a lefs produce of various articles of provisions takes place, that at this time, a perfon in the neighbourhood of Winchcombe, in this county, occupies twenty-feven small farms confolidated into one! Another instance may be related, to the same purpose, of a farmer holding what was formerly rented by nine, in the neighbourhood of Cheltenham.

OXFORDSHIRE.

Married.] At Oxford, Mr. B. Wright, to Miss E. Stone, of Chawley, Berks .- Mr. T. Wyatt, builder, to Miss M. Ensworth, third daughter of Mr. T. Emfworth, wine merchant .- Mr. Walker of London, to Miss S. Worcester, of Stoken church.

At Petersfield, Hants, Mr. S. Etty, winemerchant, of Oxford, to Miss M. Trodd .-Mr. W. Walford, of Banbury, to Miss E. A. Cogan, second daughter of M. Cogan, esq. of

Bradstone hill.

At Oxford, aged 57, Mr. W. Died.] butler of Taylor, Exeter college .- Miss E. Hewlett, eldest daughter of Mr. T. Hewlett .-In her 75th year, Mrs. Halfe, widow.

REDFORDSHIRE.

Married At Woburn, Mr. R. Gibbs, an extensive dealer in cows, to Miss Smith .-Mr. Hunter, of Newark upon Trent, to Mifs Stables, of Northampton .- Mr. E. Bufwell, of Kettering, to Mils M. Hobson, of Wal-

grave place.

Died. At Woburn, to the unspeakable affliction of his tenants, to whom he was a friend and father, and to the universal regret of all his contemporaries, Francis, Duke of Bedford, in the 37th year of his age. We forbear to give place to our own feelings on this occasion, because they have been eloquently expressed by the greatest orator of his age, at page 251 of this volume, and because we hope to be able at an early period to obtain full and authentic memoirs.

NORTHAMPTONSPIRE.

All the married clergymen of the diocefe of Peterborough, as well as widowers with children, and postessed of a small income only, have been lately invited, by public advertisement to apply to the bishop of that diocese, to obtain relief.

Married.] Mr. R. Mawlesbury, a capital farmer of Bugbrook, to Miss C. Griffith, of Gayton .- Mr. T. Wife, grazier, to Miss Line,

both of the parish of Barby.

In Bucking hamthire, Mr F. Nash, to Miss Jones, both of Chesham .- Mr. C. Newman, fon of B. Newman, eig. of Ratcliff hall, to Mil's Fitch, of Buckingham. - Mr. Wakefield, bookfeller, &c. to Miss King, both of Newport Pagnell .- Mr. S. Pelham, draper, of Wellingborough, to Miss E. Wallis, youngest daughter of Mr. O. Wallis, of Isham.

Died. At Northamptox, Mr. Fox, upholsterer. In his 13th year, after only a few days illness, Mr. D. Wilkinson, 2d fon of

Mr. W. Wilkinson, draper.

At Thrapfton, in her 52d year, Mrs. Leete, wife of Mr. Leete, surgeon; a pious, fincere, and humble Christian, and of a conduct highly conspicuous, and exemplary, in the discharge of all the relative duties.

At Chesham, Mrs. Hepburn.

At Market Harborough, Mr. J. Waterfield, many years mafter of the Hind jnn.

HUNTINGDON.

Died.] At Stirtloe House, near Buckden,

in his 54th year, Launcelot Brown, efq. an active and intelligent magistrate, possessed of great probity, liberality and benevolence. To these essential qualities, were added an accurate tafte for the fine arts and a mind embellished with all those accomplishments and that classical learning, which adorn the character of the gentleman and the fcholar.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The Lord Chancellor determined lately a cause of some interest, on an application from the univerfity of Cambridge, that the London bookfellers were not justified in felling Bibles printed in Scotland, by the king's Printers; but that the injunction did not prevent the bookfellers from exporting Scottish bibles to foreign countries, though it prevents the fale of them in England. The injunction which has been thus obtained by the university, is not it seems regarding pirated or unauthorized editions, but those printed by the king's printer in Scotland, which have, hitherto been a free uninterrupted article of trade, under the Act of Union, beyond the memory of the oldest bookseller now living, in the same manner as the same books printed by authority in England, have always had, and still have, a free sale in Scotland.

Married. ] At Cambridge, at St. Benedict's church, Capel Lofft, of Trofton, in Bury, Suffolk, efq. to Miss Sarah Wation Finch, second daughter of Mr. Joseph Finch, mer-

chant, of Cambridge. At Sutton, Ifle of Ely, Mr. W. Faux, to

Mrs. R. Cockcroft.

At Newmarket, Mr. W. Frost, an opulent farmer, of Brinkley, and fon of Mr. W. Froft, of Camoife Hall in Wood Ditton, to Mils Goodifon.

Died. ] At Cambridge, Mrs. Ratcliffe, wife of Mr. Ratcliffe, dealer in china, &c .- Aged 68, Mrs. S. Luckombe, daughter of Mrs. James, many years printer of the Cambridge Journal.

At Ely, in the college, Mrs Atcherley, relict of the late Rev. T. Atcherley.

At Wisbeach, Mr. R. Kent, of the George inn, Fenstanton, and late of the Talbot inn, In his 36th year, Mr. T. of this town. Brown, fadler, of Milden hall.

NORFOLK.

As the fea breaches, in Palling, Winterton, and other adjoining towns, have lately increased to an alarming degree, whereby very large tracts of ground are greatly injured, and as by the expected increase of the faid breaches, more distant lands may in all probability be materially injured, an application is intended to be made to Parliament, in the prefent fession, to enable commissioners, therein to be named, to stop up the prefent breaches, and to prevent, if poffible, others in future. About 60 parishes or upwards, are interested in the above bufiness, and are about to appoint persons to act, with a view to facilitate the fame.

In the exportation of corn the Lynn mer-

chants nearly equal Hull, and are faid to policis a greater share of spirit and speculation than any others in the county, not even The quantities shipped London excepted. from this port during the last two years is immenie. They also import annually from Portugal, about 1100 pipes of the " rofy juice divine."

This ancient burgh was formerly called Bishop's Lynn, a name which it retained till the reign of Henry VIII. when it changed its possession, and was elevated to the more founding title of Lynn Regis. The public library which was not fet on foot till the year 1798, is now established on principles the most judicious and politic, and although but yet in its infancy, is considered as extremely valuable. It confifts of about 500 volumes, and contains most of the approved works that have been published for the last few years. The books are chosen by a majority of the members, and Reviews, and other periodical publications are regularly taken in. number of subscribers to this library is about 70, which however confidering the population of the place, and terms of admission, are extremely few. It is highly consolatory to reflect, that fince the establishment of this institution, literature feems to be more genefally respected, and it has already diffused a happy spirit of inquiry into mixed conversa-

Married.] Mr. W. Burton, of Loddon, to Miss King of Norwich .- Mr. E. Camplin, farmer, to Miss Riseboro', both of East Tu-

At Norwich, Mr. T. Rifing, to Mrs F. Booth, of the Castle and Lyon Tavern, -Mr. J. Blackburn, stone-mason, to Miss S. Lown. -Mr. W. Thompson, of the navy, to Mrs. H. Tompson, of Norwich.

At Claxton, W. Batchelder, gent. to Mifs Fuller .- Mr. W. Dixon, of Dickleburgh, to

Mils A. Cornell, of Thelverton.

Died.] At Norwich, in her 36th year, Mrs. Taylor, wife of Mr. T. Taylor, uphol-

[Further particulars relative to the late Mr. Chapman, for many years a distinguished tradefman in this city. The propitious hand of Providence had crowned his honest exertions in life with fucceis, and enabled him to retire some years since from the active scenes' of bufiness, to enjoy the well-earned fruits of his labours, amidst his family and friends. The public charities in Norwich bear ample testimony to his benevolent spirit; during his life they were atways remembered, and at his death they have not been forgotten. He has bequeathed to the Norfolk and Norwich hospital 501. to the Charity Schools, to the Benevolent Affociation for the Relief of Decayed Tradesmen, and to Bethlem, 201. each, also smaller gifts to the poor of St. Margaret's parish, in which he lived, and of St. Andrew's, in which his remains have been

At the advanced age of 102, Mr. W. Webf-MONTHLY MAG. No. 85.

dale; this venerable man, like the famous Nestor of old, had lived in three centuries.

At his father's house in this city, in his 51st year, the Rev. W. Ivory, rector of

Waxham, Palling, &c.

At Oby, Mrs. Cooper, wife of C. Cooper, efq. barrifter at law. She possessed an excellent heart and understanding; and was a most affectionate wife and mother. She alfo manifested the goodness of her disposition by her benevolence to the poor.

At Holt, aged 68, Mrs. Baker, wife of Mr. Baker, ironmonger; this person, during the last seven years, from a paralytic affection, had not been able either to feed or to drefs

At her lodgings, Beaufort buildings, Chelfea, Mrs. E. Russel, formerly of Norwich .-Mrs. Athow, wife of Mr. T. Athow, cooper.

At Swaffham, aged 28, in childbed, Mrs. Rimes, wife of Mr. Rimes, whitefmith.

At Heigham. inher 77th year, Mrs. Meek, mother of Mr. Meek, plumber, of Norwich. -Mr. Tuthill, a confiderable farmer and grazier.

At Whitacre Burgh, near Yarmouth, Mr.

Turner, of Kerdistone.

At Harnestoke, Mr. J. French, an eminent furgeon; a gentleman highly respected for his convivial as well as professional talents: -Aged 31, Mrs. Kerisom, of Panxworth. In her 29th year, Mrs. M. Leeder, wife of

Mr. J. Leeder, farmer, at Barford.

In his 30th year, Mr. J. Breame, only fon of Mr. T. Breame, at Beatley .- Mrs. West, wife of Mr. J. G. West, of Albion street, London, and eldest daughter of the late Mr. R. Francis, of Norwich.-Mr. J. Arnold, farmer, at Denton .- Miss E. Wright, eldest daughter of the late Mr. R. Wright, of Trowfe.

At Rockland, aged 22, Mr. R. Stratton, jun. fincerely lamented by his family, his neighbours, and the poor, to whom he was ever kind.

At East Tudenham, Miss Dewing, daughter of Mr. Dewing, of Boston .- Miss Mann.

In London, aged 58, Mrs. Chittock, formerly of the Castle and Lion Inn .- Aged 75, Mrs. Wace, of Watton .- Mr. R. Bowles, farmer, of Greffenhall.

At East Dereham, aged \$5, Mrs. E. Blackbourne, mother of Mr. W. Biackbourne, bricklayer.

SUFFOLK.

On the 12th of January last, a small Book Club met to dispose of the publications, which had been circulated through the Society during the preceding year, by a kind of nominal auction among their own members. The room, in which the fale was held, was fo fituated as to be exposed to the view of fome neighbours who lived in the yard, and to their vifitors.

The fociety not confidering themfelves as doing any thing which was illegal, did not take any precautions to conceal the object of their meeting. A man, however, of the same of Smith, who was in training for the office of an excileman, observing out of doors a person in the room disposing of books, in the manner abovementioned, came to the door, and, with more than common affurance, abruptly entered the room. The members in general were surprised to see a stranger come in, but supposing that he had something to communicate to one of the company did not at first openly express their furprise. One of the fociety however, finding that this Smith, had no business there, went up to the person who was felling the books, and hinted to him, that it would be better to stop the He then went fale for a minute or two. back and told the intruder, that the company was a private one, and that strangers were not to be admitted. Upon this the gentleman bowed, asked pardon, and retired. While he was in the room, no book was fold; but he, when in the yard, having peeped through the window, faw one or more disposed of to the highest bidder, and lodged an information against the person who offered the books to fale, for acting as an auctioneer without being duly licenced.

The merits of the case were stated on Friday the 26th ult. before two of the magiftrates of this borough. It was contended, that the sale did not come within the meaning of the act; the books having been fold to fuch persons as had a previous interest in them; and the money arising from the sale being defigned for the purchase of more books, for the use of the society. The magistrates expressed in strong terms their disapprobation of the business, which had been brought before them, not confidering the fale as an intention to defraud the public revenue. They, nevertheless, conceiving, that they must be guided by the letter of the law, reluctantly fined the party; mitigating the penalty from fifty pounds, to two guineas, including costs, which amounted to one pound ten shillings and fix pence, so that only eleven shillings and fix pence remained, half of which

went to the informer.

Married.] Mr. M. Porter, of Washbrook, near Ipswich, to Miss E. Hicks, of Burstall.

Mr. R. Traice, calico printer (late of Bury) to Miss M. Ford, of Wandsworth, Surrey.

Mr. R. Jarvis, to Miss Ambrose, both of Cowlinge.

Mr. J. King, baker, in Bury, to Mrs. M. Steele, widow, in Westminster.

At Stownpland, Mr. Smith, butcher, to Mrs. Thing, of the Pickerel inn.

Died.] At Bury, Mrs. Brickwood, wife of

Mr. Brickwood, grocer.

At Ipswich, in the prime of life, Mr. N. Iron, eldest son of Mr. Iron, upholsterer; a young man of a truly excellent character.— Miss Bedwell, only daughter of Mr. Bedwell, cornchandler. The loss of two amiable and promising children, in the course of the last five months, leaves their grieving parents in a state almost inconsolable.

Aged 80, Mrs. Farthing, many years of the

Boar's Head public house.

At Woodbridge, aged \$3, after a long confinement, Mrs. Gross, relict of Mr. W. Gross, formerly a considerable farmer, at Eyke.

At Sudbury, aged 20, Miss E. Herbert, daughter of Mr. J. Herbert, master of the

Wool hall.

At Sternfield, near Saxmundham, Mrs. Bamber; a truly respectable companion for many years to Mrs. Long.—Mrs. Beales, of Cheddiston hall, near Halesworth.

At Cheliworth, aged 75, Mrs. Thurston, mother of Mr. S. Thurston, merchant, of

Ipfwich.

In the East Indies, B. Pogson, esq. only brother of J. Pogson, esq. of Bougham place, near Bury.

At Beccles, Mrs. Leggett, a maiden lady, —Mr. J. Crisp, merchant and malster.—In his 49th year, Mr. S. Reynolds, butcher.

At Brandon, aged 79, Mr. J. Secker, taylor.—In his 59th year, Mr. J. Ellington, many years gardener to the Right Hon. the Earl of Cadogan, at Saxton Downham.

At Bungay, in his 73d year, Mr. Wilson,

formerly a supervisor.

At Ditchingham, near Bungay, in his 54th year, Mr. R. Pulford, farmer.

At Nayland, Mr. Leah, fürgeon.

Aged 57, from a paralytic stroke, Mrs. Dobson, wife of Mr. Dobson, of Lower Rickinghall, near Botesdale.

At Stowmarket, fuddenly, Mrs. Bethel,

wife of Mr. Bethel, watchmaker.

At Castle Hedingham, Mrs. E. Lidgould, formerly mistress of a boarding school, in Ipswich, from which she had retired above 20 years.

Aged 85, Mr. J. Fitch, butcher, of Sible Hedingham.—Mrs. Suckling, wife of Capt. Suckling, of Barsham, near Beecles.—Aged 49, Mrs. Mann, wife of Mr. R. Mann, farmer, of Covehither.

ESSEX.

Married.] Mr. Griffiths, of the Bucking-hamshire militia, to Mrs. Bradley, of the White Lyon inn, Chelmsford.—Mr. T. Willett, brazier, of Coggeshall, to Miss M. Richardson, of Feering.

At Colchester, J. Evans, esq. of Norwood, in this county.—Mr. Stiles, surgeon and apothecary of Great Dunmow, to Miss Bradbury.

At Great Baddow, Mr. Thompson, to Mrs. Scarling, both late of Paglesham.—Mr. Jones, of Chelmsford, to Miss Wall, of Moulsham.

At Tollesbury, Mr. S. Loyell, jun. of Bradwell, to Mrs. Rush, of Bohns Hall.

At Braintree, Mr. T. Mottram, linen draper, &c. to Mrs. S. Bird.

Died.] At Chelmsford, in her 70th year, Mrs. Cowland, wife of Mr. S. Cowland, shoemaker.—In her 73d year, Mrs. Bails, widow, and sister to the late Mrs. Cowland.—Mr. T. Clarke, wine merchant, and a sergeant in the corpse of Loyal Chelmsford Volunteers.

At Colchester, aged 63, W. Mason, esq. attorney, and alderman of the borough, and Captain Commandant of the Loyal Colchester

Volunteers.

KENT.

Some former accounts noticed in the London and Kentish papers, relative to the loss of the Hoy Margate, of Margate, being erroneous in feveral particulars, the following is an accurate statement of that unfortunate bufinels. This vessel, of which Mr. John Goodborn was captain, and Mr. John Sacket, owner, was very deeply laden with corn, for the London market; the crew confifted of four men, and there were 28 paffengers; she filed from the harbour, in moderate weather, at three o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and came to anchor in the roads till near nine in the evening, when they again got under fail; foon after the weather began to be very tempeffuous, but they continued working against the wind till they had arrived, about midnight, off Reculver, with the intention of going to anchor under the hook of Margate fand. On making their last tack towards the land, the strop of the founding lead broke, and though the veffel was put about, yet before another lead could be fitted, fhe ftruck, it was supposed, on the tail of the Reculver fand; they then let go the anchor, and the water flowing, the vessel swung off, and rode clear; they then got up the anchor, and fetting the fails, she was drawing off the land, when the gib tackle broke, which made it impossible to get her head from the wind; the captain then lashed down the tiller, and went forward to get another gib-fail, when by the vessels striking the ground, the tiller was rent in two, and before it could be replaced, the rudder was beat off, and thereby the veffel was rendered totally unmanageable. They then let go their anchor a fecond time, but the hoy continuing to beat on the ground in a most alarming manner, and apprehending he had fprung a leak, and finding the pumps were choaked, they were forced to let flip the cable, and let her drive into shore, on which the was beaten about a mile and a half from the village of Reculver. The scene then became truly horrible, as a most dreadful fea was breaking over the vessel every moment, and the women and children uttering the most lamentable cries. In the midst of this diffress, Mr. Bone, paffenger, and a local preacher, in connection with the late Rev. John Wesley, with great fortitude, and resignation, exhorted and prayed with his fellow fufferers, and was heard by the furvivors to the very last, lifting his voice in supplications and praises. Five of the passengers and four of the crew, having taken to the shrouds, were faved by continuing there till the water was fo lowered, that they could get on shore about 5 in the morning. One other paffenger, Mr. Jeffe Darreway, of Margate, was fwept off the deck, but very happily, after fome little exertion, was thrown on the beach by the waves and escaped. This passenger suppoles that very foon after the cabin was filled with water, and feven paffengers who remained therein drowned; and the remaining

14, and the captain, who were on the deck, were then fwept away by the merciles waves, as while he lay on the beach, he heard a general scream of distress, and then all was still. The scene which the morning presented to the afflicted spectators, who by 10 o'clock were some hundreds, from Margate and the neighbouring villages, it is impossible to describe, as within the space of a mile and a half on the beach, 16 men and women lay dead on the shore, and very soon after, seven other passengers were taken in the same state from the cabin, making in the whole, 23 persons.

Married.] Mr. Riddle, grocer, of London, to Miss Blackmore, of Tenterden.—H. Larke, esq. purser in the navy, to Miss P. Omer, of Downe Hall, near Bromley.—Mr. Coleman, of Godmersham, to Miss Walker, at Hougham, near Dover.—Mr. Kenneker, of Upstreet, to Miss E. Cowtan, of Boughton.

At Preston, J. Cloudesley, esq. of the Government Mills, Feversham, to Miss Chinery.

Lieutenant Montague of the regiment of Royals, to Miss Fowles, third daughter of the Rev. J. Fowles, of Romney.—T. L. Hodges, of Hempstead place, to Miss Twisden, only daughter of the late Sir R. Twisden, of Bradbourne Park.—Mr. T. Collard, of Sextries, near Canterbury, to Miss Mount, of Nackington.—Mr. E. Hughes, of Mersham, to Miss Stunt, of Maidstone.

At Feversham, the Rev. T. Tims, of Walmer, to Mrs. Simpson, daughter of Rear Ad-

miral Keeler.

Died.] At Canterbury, Mrs. Gowland, wife of Mr. Gowland, millwright.—In her 88th. year, Mrs. M. Finch.—H. Dent, efq. collector of the Excise for the Canterbury district.

At Rochester, Mr. Jenkins, coal metre, and formerly a watch maker.—Mr. S. Mansfield, eldest fon of Captain Manssield of the navy; a young gentleman of very promising talents.

At Ashford, in her 18th year, of a decline, Miss S. Norwood, 2d daughter of the Rev. E. Norwood.—Mr. W. Mate, sadler.

At Stockbury, aged 49, Mr. G. Green, a wealthy farmer.

#### SUSSEX.

Married.] At Brighton, the Rev. W. Titt, M. A. of Trinity College, Cambridge, to Mrs. Newnham, widow of the late G. L. Newnham, efq. of Newtimber.

Died. At her house in the Cliff, aged

82, Mrs. Tafker, a widow lady.

At Mayfield, Mr. Farmer, attorney; much looked up to during a long course of practice, by people of all descriptions; and though of late years in points of conduct he might have been rather to himself a soe, he had nevertheles in disposition been a friend to all mankind.

Aged 70, Mr. R. Edwards, of Cuckfield.

At Rye, Miss M. N. Meryon.

At Brighthelmstone, Mrs. Glover, relict of Mr. Glover, brewer.

At Uckfield rather fuddenly, Mrs. Clarke, relict of the late learned and Rev. Mr. Clarke, many years rector of Buxted.—Mr. H. Farncomb, of Bletchington.

At West Grinsted, Mrs. M. Ward, widow.

## HAMPSHIRE.

Married.] Mr. E. Sharp, of the Trusty ship of war, to Miss Loveless.—Mr. Lockett, hatter, of Portsmouth, to Miss Mathews, of Wickbam.

At Gosport, Mr. J. Tomlin, master in the navy, to Mrs. H. Hunter, of Elsom.

At Newport, in the Isle of Wight, Major Young, of the eighth regiment of foot, to Miss J. Sutherland, second daughter of the late Captain Sutherland.

At Havant, Captain Pritzler, of the 21st regiment of dragoons, to Miss Newland, daughter of B. Newland, esq. of Rothersield-park.—Mr. W. Knight, of Wade-court, near Havant, to Miss Kersee, of Havant.

Died.] At Winchester, Mr. Pyke, of the White Horse Cellar public-house.—Mr. Walker, persumer.

At Southampton, Mrs. Shorland, wife of Mr. Shorland, fruiterer.

At Portsmouth, Mr. A. Brown, grocer .- Aged 80, T. Palmer, esq.

At Fareham, Mr. Grigg, furgeon. At Portsea, Mrs. Cox, publican.

At Cowes, Mr. P. Parkman, fen. a pilot.

Mrs. Roach, wife of Mr. Roach, postmaster.

On his passage from Jamaica, on board the Ambuscade trigate, Mr. P. Payne, only son of J. Payne, esq. of Stubbington-house, in this county.

In Kentington, in his 55th year, G. Farrant, etq. formerly of Portimouth.

The Rev. W. Jackson, A. M. vicar of Christ Church; he had spent the preceding evening with a party of friends, and retired to bed apparently in perfect health, but was taken ill about six o'clock in the morning, and expired in a few minutes.

## WILTSHIRE.

Mr. J. C. Jenner, of Burbage, in this county, in a Letter to the printer of the Salisbury Journal, communicates the following recipe for the cure of a cancer :- " I am (fays he) the more folicitous for the publication of the recipe, having lately been witness to its happy influence in curing a most inveterate cancer in the lip of a person now living in this neighbourhood, and to whom a personal reference can be given if required. I have also heard of several other instances of its wonderful efficacy from the most respectable authority .- Take one part of red-lead, in fine powder, and two parts of hog's lard; mix them well together, and, with the falve thus prepared, fpread on lint, dress the cancerous fore twice a day."

Married.] G. Beames, esq. of Bowdenhouse, near Chippenham, to Miss Cole, of Old Sodbury, Gloucestershire.—The Rev. C.

Wapshaw, of Salisbury, to Miss Dyneley, of Bloomsbury-square, London.

At Newton Toney, F. Petherick, efq. to Miss Hayter.

Died. ] At Salisbury, Mr. W. Walker, a weaver; his death is by some attributed to his having, about seven weeks ago, eat some soup, which had been set by three days in a brass pan, and which had accumulated verdigrease.

At Wilton, aged 80, Mr. W. Lampard, \_\_\_ Mr. R. Rowden, of Uphaven.

At North Wraxall, Mrs. Mabbett, wife of J. Mabbett, efq. of Stinchcombe, Glou-cestershire.

At Headington, near Devizes, aged 103, Isaac Eley, an honest and industrious labourer, who retained the use of his faculties to the last.

In her 78th year, Mrs. Goddard, reliet of the Rev. E. Goddard, of Cliffe Pypard.—Mr. T. Knowlfon, farmer, at Baverstock, near Salisbury.

### BERKSHIRE.

Married.] At Reading, Mr. Staples, poulterer, to Miss A. March.—Mr. Shepherd, corndealer, to Miss Wentworth.

Mr. T. Crouch, of Lambourn, to Mis

Hickman, of Henley.

Died.] At Speenhill, near Newbury, Mrs.
Blake, relict of J. Blake, eq. of Parliamentftreet, Westminster.—In her 32d year, Mrs.
Heath, wife of Mr. Heath, brewer, of Faringdon.—Mrs. M. Wickens, of Maidenhead.

## SOMERSETSHIRE.

The number of patients to whom affiftance was afforded last year, in the establishment called the Bath City Dispensary and Asylum, amounted to 1973!

Married.] Mr. T. Winter, horn-worker, of Briftol, to Mifs Williams, of Kingsdown.

At Bath, Mr. Washbourne, of the Darby and Joan public-house, to Mrs. Wood.—Mr. English, jun. upholsterer, to Miss Evans, daughter of Mr. Evans, brandy-merchant.—Major Alcock, to the Hon. Caroline St. Leger, fister of Viscount Doneraile, of Ireland.—Mr. W. Hulbert, to Miss Every.—Mr. Wicks, to Miss Bullock.—Mr. J. Price, bookbinder and stationer, to Miss Wood, of Union-passage.

The Rev. R. Bedford, of Briftol, to Miss

Mills, of Kingsdown.
At Clifton, Mr. J. Fowler, of London, to

Miss Ormerod, of Bath.
Mr. Spry, surgeon, of Clifton, son of Mr.
Spry, apothecary, of Bath, to Miss Pierce.

Died] At Bath, aged 34, Mrs. Wiggett, wife of the Rev. J. Wiggett, and daughter of S. Lyde, esq. fincerely regretted as a lady of uncommon virtues and merits.

Mrs Sale —Mr. Sedgley, formerly a merchant of Bristol.—Mrs. Athill.—Major Sandford.—In her 73d year, Mrs. S. Gordon.— The-lady of Dr. Mapleton.—Mrs. Bryant, widow.—Mrs. Brown, widow.—Mrs. E. Ramsay, mother-in-law of F. Partis, esq. and mother ther of W. Ramfay, feeretary of the East In-

At Stockhouse, in her 48th year, the lady ef J. Berkeley Burland, efq. daughter and

beirels of the late J. Farr. efq.

At Portimouth, of a paralytic ftroke, Mrs. Thomas, formerly Mrs. Simpson, for many years a favourite actress at the Bath Theatre.

At Frome, Mr. R. Bailey, tanner. At Henbury, near Bristol, Mrs. Cook.

At Clifton, Mrs. O'Bryan, wife of Captain

O'Bryan, of the Emerald ship of war.

At Keyford, near Frome, Mr. R. Bailey, farmer .- Mr. J. Jones, grazier .- H. Davis, eig. of White Hall, near Briftol.

At Taunton, Mr. J. Waters, fen .- Mr. W.

Coles, of Marston Bigot,

DORSETSHIRE.

Died.] In his 79th year, B. Lefter, efq. an alderman, and formerly M. P. for the town and county of Poole. He conducted, through a long and honourable career, his very extensive concerns in the Newfoundland Trade in a manner no less beneficial to the nation than creditable and advantageous to himself, by giving at once employment and bread to thousands. He was, in the most comprehensive sense of the word, what was formerly called, in this county, a real mer-The numerous ships which have traversed the Mediterranean and Atlantic Oceans, freighted with his goods, were his own, built by his own workmen, on his own plantations, fitted and victualled from his own flores. That indefatigable perseverance which subdues all obstacles and leads to fortune, was his peculiar characteristic; nor were the calls of humanity overlooked in the duties of his counting-house. His disposition and his well merited wealth enabled him to relieve the necessities of thase who stood in need of his assistance, nor was he less munificent to his native town than liberal and charitable to its poor. His mind, no less persevering than it was strong, retained its vigour to the last, and in the distribution of his immense wealth, his liberal donations to his relations, and generous benefactions to the poor, will be long and gratefully remembered.

DEVONSHIRE.

It is noted as a proof of the increasing population of the town of Plymouth, and the suburbs called the Dock, and the progressive influx of strangers, that the tolls of the bridge at Stone Honse, between Plymouth and the Dock Town, the property of Earl Mount Edgeumbe, and Sir John St. Aubyn, which, at the building of the bridge, in the year 1772, let for 5001. per annum, was lately let at the rate of 2500l. per annum.

Married ] At Woodbury, Mr. G. Jackson, of Budleigh Salterton, to Miss Lee, of Eb-

ford Barton.

At Exeter, Mr. J. Ham, to Mifs M. Holman, daughter of Mr. J. Holman, druggift.

At Ugborough, J. Hele, of Well, near Alaburton, to Miss Frenick.

At Plymouth, D. Eyre, efq. to Miss P. Bethineer .- Mr. Braddon, jun. of Treneglois, Cornwall, to Miss Kingdon, daughter of the Rev. J. Kingdon, of Bridgerule, in this county.

Died. At Exeter, Mr. Beale, master of the Globe Tavern .- Mr. J. Sercombe .-Mr. Trewman, fen. a respectable printer and bookseller, for near 40 years past; and printer of the Exeter Flying Post; a truly good, humane, generous, and valuable man.

At an advanced age, Mr. J. Seward, rope-

maker.

At Plymouth, Mr. Crupp, brewer .- Mrs. Slade, wife of Mr. Slade, merchant.-Mrs. Smith, wife of Mr. Smith, schoolmaster.

At Oakhampton, Mrs. Luxmore, widow, and mother to the present Dean of Gloucester. At Bishop's Lydiard, Mrs. F. Hamilton.

Married.] N. Phillips, esq. banker, of Haverfordwest, to Miss R. Davies, of Llwynagoras, Pembrokeshire.

At Cardigan, Mr. James, furgeon, to Miss Jones, daughter of the Rev. Mr. Jones.

At Haverfordwest, suddenly, in Died. the Town-hall, Mr. D. Paynter, attorney.

At Yfrod, Cardiganshire, prematurely cut off in the prime of life, H. J. Lloyd Davies, efq. of Lloyd Jack, justice of peace for that county; this gentleman, who had been married but a fhort time before to a very amiable lady, was an upright and active magistrate, a liberal benefactor to the poor, and greatly esteemed by a numerous acquaintance in private life.

At Neston, Pembrokeshire, B. B. Jordan,

At Harmeston, Pembrokeshire, - Hughes,

At Caerleon, Monmouthshire, Mr. R.

At Laugharne, R. Le Davids, efq. of Pibor, near Carmarthen, justice of peace for the county.

In Swansea, in his 65th year D. Thomas, efq.

#### SCOTLAND.

At Drumgeslavie, near Pitmain, in his 77th year, Bailie Donald M'Pherson. He was an enfign under the late Pretender, and was present at the battles of Preston, Penrith, and Falkirk. He afterwards escorted that prince through Arifaig, and faw him on the borders of Sky. He officiated as Baron Bailie first in Lochaber, and afterwards in Badenoch, fince 1768. He was also one of the justices of peace for the county of Inverness; and, at an advanced period of life, was appointed by his Majesty an ensign in the Balville volunteers.

## IRELAND.

Married.] At Lifnegar, Lieutenant-col. Baird, of the Ist battalion of the 62d regiment, to the Hon. E. C. Tonfon, eldeft daughter of the late Rt. Hon. Lord Riversdale.

Died.] In her 70th year, Mrs. Arabin, widow of the late J. Arabin, efq. of Maglane, in the county of Meath; a lady universally respected and beloved during a long and ex-

emplary life.

At the house of his nephew, in Jervis-Arcet, Dublin, the Rev. Dr. Lentaigne, cidevant cure of St. Sauveur, Caen, Normandy; a man of exemplary piety, virtue, and goodness; the whole tenor of whose life was a proof how near to perfection human nature may approximate. Of this truly excellent character it may be faid, he was "Humani generis decus." While justice renders this tribute to the dead, the same principle energetically urges to publicity the merit of the living. Never did the relative connexion of Nepotism evince itself in more amiable delineations of the feelings of the heart, than in Dr. Benjamin Lentaigne, M.D. who, with affection surpassing filial, rendered an asylum to an uncle expatriated for conscience sake, and bid the forrows and infirmities of the " yellow leaf" be forgotten in the folace of his and his lady's attentions and tender affiduities.

DEATHS ABROAD.

In France, citizen Gabriel Bory, member of the National Institute, and Commodore and Governor of the Windward Islands, under He published, in 1790, the antient regime. Memoirs on the Administration of the Marine and of the Colonies.

In Spain, the celebrated Count Rice, who many years ago, killed Count Barry, in a duel, near Bath. He was found dead in his bed; his death was occasioned, as is supposed,

by fuffocation.

At Bednapore, in the East Indies, on the ift of February laft, P. Begbie, jun. efq. of Castle-hill, and Lieutenant in the service of the East India Company.

On the 11th of December last, at Fort Marlborough, in the island of Sumatra, Mr. A. Webster, only son of MajorWebster, of Ayr.

At Paris, aged 64, Madame Allard, the mother of young Vestris, formerly a celebrated dancer at the Opera-house there,

MONTHLY COMMERCIAL REPORT.

HE delay of the definitive treaty of peace, which has long been anxiously looked for, has been attended with much inconvenience to merchants and manufacturers, particularly to the former; many thips bound to the conquered fettlements, and other parts, have been fometime detained in port in expectation of this event, and on those which have recently failed, the infurance has been confiderably advanced, as a precaution against the possibility of the negociation terminating unfavourably. The commercial intercourse with France, however, continues to increase, and still more so with Holland; very considerable quantities of fugars, coffee, indigo, and other articles, having been shipped during the last month for Dort, Rotterdam, and Amsterdam. The export to Hamburgh has likewise been considerable, but it must naturally be expected the trade with this port, which had risen to such great consequence during the war, will decline, when more direct means of communication with great part of the Continent are fully established.

The duties payable on the importation of cinnamon, casha lignea, and the duty granted last session on box wood have been repealed, and other duties granted in lieu thereof, viz. On every pound weight avoirdupois of cinnamon imported by the East-India Company, one shilling and sixpence; on every pound weight avoirdupois of cassia lignes, of all forts, imported into Great Britain, one shilling; on every ton weight of box wood imported into Great Britain from any part of Europe in a British built ship, an additional duty of 19s. 6d. and so in proportion for any greater or less quantity, with 6d, more if imported in a so-

reign thip.

The custom-duty payable on the importation into Great Britain, in British built ships, of bull, ox, or cow hides, hides of horses, marcs, or geldings, Indian hides, or buffalo hides, call ikin, dog ikins, feal ikins, and elk ikins, in the hair and undressed, has been wholly repealed. It is certainly highly proper to adopt every measure which may tend to promote so important a source of individual and national profit as the leather manufactory, which we have no doubt may be carried to a still greater extent, from its increasing reputation in foreign markets. Great improvements have been making for some years past in tanning and dreffing hides and tkins of all descriptions, particularly by the recent introduction of Mr. Defmond's process, by which, leather of a quality equal if not superior to the best hitherto known, is manufactured in about as many days as it generally requires months to tan it in the usual way. Black Spanish, an article now brought to such perfection, and in general use for womens' shoes and other purposes, was scarcely known in this country filteen or twenty years ago; and English Moroccos have within a few years so far surpassed the foreign in andcolour, in most other respects, that they cannot fail of obtaining a decided preference in every part of the world where they are admitted on equal terms.

Some alterations will probably be made in the existing laws for the regulation of the

linen manufactory of Ireland.

The present very high prices of all kinds of raw and thrown filk, are likely foon to experience a reduction, as it will now be imported directly from the countries of its growth, instead of being subject to the heavy expences of land carriage to Hamburgh. A considerable quantity has been already shipped at Genos, Leshorn, and Venice, and smore will foon follow. The filk confumed in Ireland, though not very confiderable, will now be obtained from Italy, instead of being procured through the medium of this country. An Act has been passed for continuing to the 25th Dec. 1804, the bounties granted for the encouragement of the Greenland Whale Fisheries, and the regulations respecting the

The Hall Dock Company have proposed to make, for the accommodation of the increasing trade of that port, an additional dock, capable of containing 70 fail of ships, with an entrance into the Humber, sufficient to admit a fifty-gun ship, on being reimbursed onehalf of the expence by the corporation and inhabitants; this proposal has been acceded to, and the work will be undertaken as foon as the company have obtained the requifite

Considerable progress has been made in the projected improvements of the port of Lendon. The West-India Docks in the Isle of Dogs, are in great forwardness; and a powerful steam engine having been erected for carrying off the water that naturally rifes or fettles in a marshy foil, the excavation will foon be completed; in the mean time, the building of the warehouses, which are of a very substantial construction, proceeds rapidly; a carriage-way, to be called the Commercial Road, is about to be made from the docks to Church Street, Whitechapel, and every department of the undertaking appears to proceed with judgment and activity. The Canal undertaken by the corporation is likewise in a forward state, and has a large steam engine for draining the water. The whole sum of 72,000l. originally granted for this purpose, has been already expended, and it is now estimated that at least 50,000l. more will be wanted, part of which will however be reimburled, by the fale of land which it is necessary to purchase, though only a portion of it is wanting for the purpose. The spot designed for the London Docks at Wapping has been acarly cleared of the houses and buildings which stood upon it, part of the wall is built, and the excavation begun, which as the feafon advances will proceed more effectually ; from the proximity of this spot to the present seat of trade the mercantile interest must feel impatient for the completion of the plan, which, from the abilities under which it is executed, cannot fail of being perfectly adapted to its intended purpofe.

We hope the intention of establishing an open coal market, under proper regulations, will not be abandoned, being fully convinced that the many illicit practices and combinations at present so easily carried on in the coal trade, contribute greatly to raise this

important article to an improper price.

The New Stock Exchange in Capel Court, Bartholomew Lane, was opened on the 1st day of March; it is a spacious building, well adapted for the purpose.

## MONTHLY AGRICULTURAL REPORT.

THE uncommon finences of the whole of the present month has been highly favourable for the purposes of ploughing and getting in the oat and barley, as well as the bean and pea crops in manyof the more fouthern districts.

The business of hedging and repairing fences, has also been very conveniently per-

In the hay districts, the grass and meadow-lands have been well prepared, manure being more easily put upon them than is usual at this period of the feason, on account of their

The young wheat crops where the land was made sufficiently fine, and they were put into the ground early, look promising in most places; but the later sown crops, and those where

the ground had not undergone a complete preparation, are far from looking fo well.

In North Britain, vegetation is uncommonly backward for the feafon, Laving been cut off by the intense frosts about the beginning of the month, and kept in check by the fury of the air, ever fince; cold, tempestuous winds being the prevailing weather during the two last weeks. The fort of weather here described, is not, however, inimical to the cultivation of the foil; fo far as the feed time has advanced, it is one of the most favourable in the recollection of our Correspondent. The foil is very mellow and easily pulverised; and the dryness of the weather admits of every operation being performed most correctly, the fowing of grass-feeds excepted, which the raging winds have sometimes rendered extremely difficult. Peafe and beans may be faid to be all put in. Three-fourth parts of the oats are also committed to the soil.

Fat and lean flock are both extremely high priced. Beef, from 9s. 6d. to 11s. 6d. per ftone,

of 16lbs. of 171 ozs. each.

Horses of value, for both saddle and draught, have advanced in price 25 to 30 per cent.

within these two months.

The prices of grain, especially barley and oats, in the London markets, are rather looking up, probably from there being a confiderable demand for feed. Average price of corn for England and Wales, to the week ending March 13-Wheat, 72s. 11d.; rye, 47s. 2d.; barley, 39s. Id.; oats, 20s. 4d.; beans, 38s. 5d.; peafe, 40s. Id. Cattle, Cattle, both of the fat and lean kind, keep up. Lean sheep are also highert han usual at this period. Hogs have likewise been sold high. At Smithsied Market, March 22, beef sold from 4s. 8d. to 5s. 8d.; mutton, 6s. to 7s.; veal, 5s. 6d. to 7s. 6d.; pork, 5s. 4d. to 6s. 8d. At Newgate and Leadenhall Markets, beef sold from 3s. 8d. to 4s. 8d.; mutton, 4s. 4d. to 5s. 8d.; veal, 4s. 8d. to 6s. 4d.; pork, 5s. 4d. to 5s. 8d.

Hay. At St. James's Market, March 20, hay fold from 21. 17s. to 51. 10s.; ftraw, 21. 0s. 6d. to 21. 12s. 6d. At Whitechapel; hay, 4l. to 51. 14s.; clover, 51. 10s. to 6s. 12s.;

ftraw, 11. 18s. to 21. 8s.

## METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

Observations on the State of the Weather, from the 24th of February to the 24th of March, 1802, inclusive, two miles N. W. of St. Paul's.

Barometer.

Highest 30.2. March 17, Wind W.
Lowest 29.15. Feb. 25, Wind N. E.

Greatest 75 huning of the 25th ult. the mercury was as low as 29.15, at the same time next day it stood at 29.90.

Thermometer.

Highest 63° March 24, Wind S. W.

Lowest 26° March 5, Wind N. E.

Greatest variation in 24 hours.

March 4, in the morning, the thermometer was at 36°, on the next morning it was down at 26°.

Quantity of rain fallen this month is equal to .692 inches of depth.

We feldom recollect to have had, at this feason of the year, a more pleasant month than that which is just finished. Thirteen days have been distinguished for their brilliancy, besides several others in which there has been neither rain nor snow. The temperature has been moderate, the average heat for the whole month being 40½ nearly. Notwithstanding these favourable circumstances vegetation is uncommonly backward, which is probably occasioned by a few severe frosty nights between the 4th and 10th, and again between the 14th and 17th, of the present month.

The dentity of the atmosphere has been greater than usual; the mean height of the barometer having been 29.89; and, with the exception of the instance above referred to, the va-

riations have been but trifling.

The wind has been chiefly in the westerly points. It appears from Citizen Lalande's History of Astronomy, printed in another part of this Number, and from a paper in the Journal de Physique, that great attention is now paid to the subject of meteorology, in France, and some other parts of the Continent. Toaldo, in Italy, the two Duhamels, and Citizen Cotte have lately published several series of observations, together with rules and methods for making them with accuracy. Many philosophers, physicians, chemists, and persons devoted to agriculture, are spreading, by their example, a taste for this kind of study. This may, perhaps, be the means of extending a science which, at present, has not been sufficiently attended to

Since the system of nature is uniform in all its operations, and the changes to which it is subject must, in every department, depend on fixed and permanent causes, nothing seems more desireable than that we should be able to trace the immediate principles which conduce to the varieties observable in the state of the atmosphere. Accurate knowledge, in this respect, independently of its utility in practical agriculture, might be rendered highly advantageous to the health of the human species.

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